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Peres: Public will decide on any deal with Syria

BATSHEVA TSUR

AN agreement with Syria will contain a clause stating that it will go into effect only after being approved in a referendum, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

"Before [reaching such an agreement] we have nothing to ask the people," Peres said. "If we have an agreement, we will bring it to the people."

Earlier, US peace envoy Dennis Ross was quoted as saying the referendum would be held after the two sides had signed the treaty. Ross said it is logical to assume that the government of Israel would not agree to an accord which it did not consider the public would support.

Peres was answering questions at a Jerusalem luncheon given in his honor by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman.

Asked about the ownership of land in the Golan bought by Baron de Rothschild, Peres reiterated that "the land of the Golan Heights belongs to the Syrians."

Stressing the need to help the Palestinian Authority, Peres said the Arab states should take an example from world Jewry. He specifically took the Saudis to task for not fulfilling pledges, saying they had reneged on a \$25 million aid offer to the Palestinians.

"Israel's security depends on a great deal on the self-esteem of the Palestinians," he said. "I never dreamed the day would come when I would try to get money for arms for them."

Peres also attacked the Likud. "They are very strong when it comes to making statements and very flexible when these must be implemented," he said. But he called on the Likud to stand beside the government in opposing the formation of alternative armed forces in the territories. "We must fight together against such anti-democratic movements," he said.

US officials hope for funding of Golan pullout

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SOME members of the Clinton administration are hopeful there will be enough political good will in Congress to approve a \$2 billion military aid package to Israel to offset the security risks of a Golan withdrawal.

Last year, there were reports Israel would seek up to \$5b. in US military assistance, but Israeli officials deny this.

The results of the upcoming negotiations on security arrangements will determine the scope of Israel's needs. For example, should Syria consent to Israeli access to a Golan early-warning station, this would likely decrease the need for expensive aerial electronic surveillance systems.

Regardless of Clinton administration requests, the prospects of Congress providing a major aid package appear slimmer than in the past due to the new budget-cutting mood there. Congress has yet to approve \$275 million in debt relief to Jordan.

Rep. Robert Borski (Dem.-PA) said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres repeatedly told him and five other visiting Democrats in Israel earlier this month that "Israel will not seek new dollars from the US."

However, when asked to react to this, Peres said yesterday, "To the contrary, I told them that I am sure that if there is peace between Israel and Syria, they (US) will pay."



Fatah Hawks attend the funeral of Darwish Abu Hatla, killed yesterday by the IDF. (Reuters)

Terrorist, two PA policemen, killed in gunfight with IDF

JON IMMANUEL and ALON PINKAS

IDF soldiers shot dead a wanted Fatah Hawk who tried to cross illegally from Egypt to Gaza early yesterday, and two members of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's personal guard, Force 17, who saw the incident and opened fire on the troops.

"We don't support this act. It was illegal. But we can understand the reasons that they took this step, all the time that Palestinians are prevented from returning to their homeland," Arafat's adviser Marwan Kanafani said.

Arafat's spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina said the chairman had ordered the establishment of a commission of inquiry.

The incident began at about 1 a.m. when an IDF patrol spotted several suspicious individuals trying to cross the border, near Rafiah. They shouted at them to halt, then fired warning shots over their heads. The men did not comply and began escaping. According to an army investiga-

tion, one of the individuals, later identified as Darwish Abu Hatla, 28, a wanted terrorist who fled to Libya two years ago, was armed and was shot dead. The others fled back into Egypt, and may have been arrested there.

The Force 17 men waiting to receive the illegal border crossers managed to evade the IDF patrol, but were spotted immediately by another unit. When the two failed to stop, and one opened fire, the soldiers shot and killed them. Palestinian Police sources in Rafiah said all the men were unarmed.

"Both [IDF] forces acted swiftly and according to operational procedures. The second force shot the two only after one of them apparently fired at soldiers from a building in the no-man's land near the fence," said Col. Yossi Geiz, the deputy commander of IDF forces in the Gaza Strip.

"We view very gravely the involvement of a Palestinian officer, in uniform, who opened fire

with a Kalashnikov on our forces," Geiz added.

The Palestinian Police said the two Force 17 men acted alone. They were identified as Hassa Abu Toraya, 31, and Abed Nasser Salah, 27, both from Jabalya refugee camp.

"This act was done by individuals on their own and the police had nothing to do with it," B. Ziad Atrash, chief of the liaison to the joint liaison committee, told reporters.

Some 150 Fatah Hawks like Abu Hatla were in a camp in Libya. Yasser Abu Samhadana, one of the most wanted Fatah gunmen in Gaza, now a senior security officer in Khan Yunis, who killed several Palestinians, infiltrated into Gaza by sea after fleeing the camp two months ago.

An unknown number of wanted Fatah Hawks have infiltrated the border after failing to receive permission to return.

Palestinian sources said there are some 120 FLO men waiting to sneak into the Gaza Strip from Egypt since they have failed to secure permits.

Squatter blows up self, 4 others

HERB KEINON

FIVE people were injured yesterday when a squatter in a government-owned apartment in Karmel Shomron ignited a gas canister as police and security guards tried to evict him from the apartment.

Police identified the squatter as Yosef Gershon, 36, from Bnei Brak. The police spokesman said he has an "extensive" criminal record.

The drama began Tuesday night, when Gershon moved into the apartment. Yesterday morning the police were alerted by security guards on the scene, and went to evict Gershon. He locked himself in the apartment, and negotiated with the police who were outside.

According to Lt.-Cmdr. Natan Karamosky, of the Samaria and Judea Police District, Gershon then opened the gas canister. Supt. Eli Buadana and one of the security guards burst into the apartment, and Gershon ignited the canister, Karamosky said.

One of the residents of Neveh Menahem said, "I heard a loud noise, and saw a person huddled outside."

Gershon, Buadana, policeman Sultan Hir, and security guards Said Abu Sulb and David Valadi were taken to Petah Tikva's Beilinson Hospital suffering from

smoke inhalation and burns.

Gershon, Abu Sulb, Buadana and Valadi were in serious condition, while Hir was in satisfactory condition in the burns unit. Gershon had surgery yesterday. Abu Sulb was in the intensive-care unit. Valadi was being treated for burns, and Buadana was unconscious and attached to a respirator.

Yehuda Lieberman, the head of the Karmel Shomron Regional Council, said there are about 130 apartments in the new Neveh Menahem neighborhood, of which about 60 are completely built and have been purchased, and another 70 are completely built but have not been put up for sale by the Housing Ministry.

The finished but unsold apartments are among between 3,000 to 3,500 such apartments in various settlements which the government has not put up for sale because of its building freeze in the settlements.

Lieberman said 20 to 30 homeless families, most from Kfar Sava, have moved into the empty apartments.

Karamosky said those who have squatted in the apartments did not do so for ideological rea-

sons, but rather because of economic problems, or because they thought they could make money off the apartments in the future.

Rebels attack Iraqi radio transmitter

NICOSIA (AP) - Iraqi soldiers used tanks and helicopters yesterday to repel an assault by tribesmen and soldiers on a radio transmitter outside Baghdad, dissidents said.

The reported fighting did not appear to threaten Saddam Hussein's grip on power.

But it was further evidence of unrest among the large Dulami tribe, which dissidents say took

part in bloody riots in May in the western province of al-Anbar.

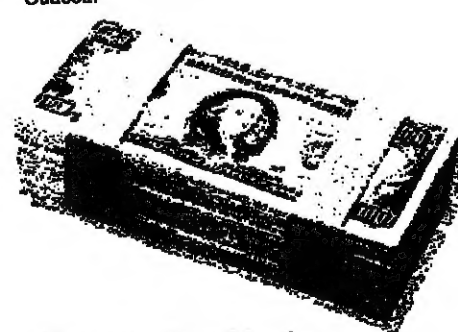
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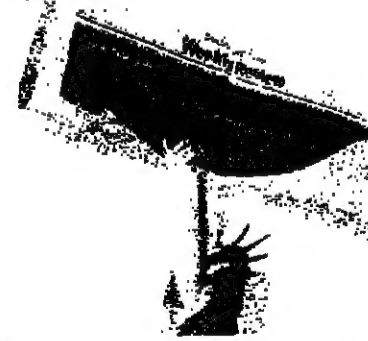
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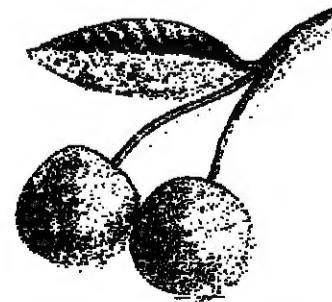
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Congress seeks tight rules on aid to PA

BOTH houses of Congress are examining ways to tighten restrictions on aid to the Palestinians, House International Affairs Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) said here Tuesday.

Gilman spoke at a press conference with visiting Orthodox rabbis who had come to lobby against US aid to the PLO. He said Congress first intends to provide a 90-day extension for an existing law that permits US funding of the PLO.

The law expires June 30. "This abbreviated version will

contain additional reporting requirements to more fully specify the PLO's compliance or non-compliance" with that law, Gilman said.

Gilman also criticized the State Department's review of PLO compliance with its commitments to fight terrorism, calling the administration's most recent report "a whitewash."

"Peace in the Middle East cannot be established if the US, the leader of the free world, continues to pretend that the PLO is in compliance when it most clearly is not," he said.

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

The announcement came just hours after Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) introduced legislation that would cut off US aid to the Palestinian Authority unless a number of requirements are met.

They include that funds be used only for humanitarian projects and be channeled through US agencies; that strict PA accounting measures be adopted; that the PLO compensate American victims of its terrorist attacks; and that the US President certify that aid not go to those suspected

of attacks against Americans. "This bill is not the panacea. Nor is it the popular thing to do. It is, however, the right thing to do," D'Amato said on the Senate floor.

He also challenged the administration's determination that the PA's performance in combatting terrorism has improved and that the aid flow should continue.

The bill states that the US compliance report "is often ambiguous, insufficient [and] at odds with the assessments of indepen-

dent monitoring groups."

A senior US official said the administration opposes the bill, and disputed D'Amato's claim, saying, "We fundamentally disagree. We believe the PLO is making a genuine, good-faith effort on compliance."

D'Amato's bill would be "destructive to the peace process" because it "would make unworkable the current procedure by which the US - and foreign - assistance works."

Meanwhile, MK Binyamin Netanyahu, in a message, clarified the Likud's position on aid to the

PA, saying in a statement that "no money should go to Gaza or Jericho because today all of the funds, whether directly or indirectly, will end up in PLO hands, and the PLO should not receive a single penny."

The statement is at odds with that made on May 17 by Likud official and former ambassador to the US Zalmay Shoval, told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the Likud would favor aid to the PA on the condition it be for specific and not direct funding.

Peres: Empowerment talks should meet deadline

DAVID MAKOVSKY

NEGOTIATIONS on transferring 33 spheres of civilian authority to the Palestinians should be wrapped up by July 1, leaving only the thorny issue of security and a few unresolved issues tied to Palestinian elections, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Bjorn Torv Godal, his Norwegian counterpart, yesterday.

Peres' remarks, released in a Foreign Ministry communiqué, came as he participated in a major discussion of unresolved issues at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office, along with other senior officials and military personnel.

Sources said the likely model for transferring civilian authority will be the same as that used when similar authority was transferred to Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho in the May 1994 agreement.

The most sensitive issues are likely to be ones of infrastructure - the nature of Palestinian control over public lands and water usage.

Peres said that the only election-related issues left unresolved are the participation of Jerusalem Palestinians and the size of the Palestinian self-rule council.

Israel does not want Jerusalemites to be allowed to run for office, nor does it want balloting to take place in the city itself.

Palestinians have said that they want a body that will include about 75 members, while Israel has offered about 35. But Israel has charged that too large a body begins to resemble a parliament.

Another unresolved issue is the headquarters of the new Palestinian self-rule council. Palestinians may want the body to sit as close to Jerusalem as possible.

Meanwhile, Godal reported to Peres that international donors have so far agreed to cover \$77 million of the PA's expected \$136 million 1995 deficit.

In a speech to the World Jewish Congress yesterday, Peres blamed Saudi Arabia for not delivering \$35 million of its \$100 million pledge last year.

The World Bank recently said \$128 million in funding for reconstruction projects in the territories has been provided ahead of schedule. It also said \$95 million had been pledged to PA recurrent costs.

'PA reassessing economic agreement with Israel'

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Palestinian Authority is under mounting pressure to cancel its economic agreement with Israel, as the closure of Israel to Palestinian agricultural goods is throwing the territories' agriculture into disarray, a senior Palestinian economist said yesterday.

There is pressure on the PA "to do something drastic about the situation, including pulling out altogether from the economic negotiations with the Israelis," said Hisham Hawartani, an economics professor at An-Najah University.

He explained that the key benefit the Palestinians expected from the accord was the open access to the Israeli market for their agricultural produce.

Hawartani said the closure has created such surpluses that boxes of tomatoes and cucumbers are now selling for NIS 1 in Gaza and not much more in Judea and Samaria. "Farmers are leaving their produce in their fields," he said.

"It is ironic that with the implementation of the Paris [economic]

accord at the beginning of the year the Israeli authorities forbade the flow of goods from the West Bank and Gaza," he noted.

The present situation contrasts starkly with last year, when the still porous divide between Israel and the territories allowed Palestinian agriculture to sustain itself.

According to a Central Bureau of Statistics report released yesterday, agriculture production in Judea and Samaria, excluding Jericho, stood at NIS 1.3 billion last year, comparable to 14 percent of Israeli agricultural output. Production was boosted by a particularly large olive crop, 22% higher than in 1993.

Hawartani blamed Israel for blocking the free flow of goods. Since the agreement with the Palestinians gives Israel a lot of leeway to prevent free trade, it can always justify its moves, he said. He said there has been an abuse of the security issue.

"Why doesn't Israel sit with the Palestinian security authorities, who are perfectly capable to deal with trade-linked security issues?"

Weizman snubs Irish FM over his Orient House visit

BATSHEVA TSUR and AP

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman has canceled a meeting with Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring, following his insistence on meeting with Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini at Orient House.

Weizman took the decision in consultation with the Foreign Ministry, a spokesman for Beit Hanassi said. The ministry had appealed to visiting leaders to refrain from meetings with the Palestinians in Jerusalem.

Spring is determined to meet with PLO officials at Orient House later this week despite Israel's objections, said an official in Dublin.

"I think it's based on guidelines which are produced by European Union members," said the official. "European Union foreign ministers visit Orient House. That is the practice."

However, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official said such meetings vio-

late the Israel-PLO accord, which says Palestinian diplomatic activity is confined to the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"We have no objection to Mr. Spring or any other official visitor meeting the Palestinian Authority in Gaza or Jericho," he said.

"On the contrary... we welcome any involvement by European countries in development of the Palestinian economy. However, to visit the Orient House would cause a disagreement with Israel which is quite unnecessary."

Spring arrives on Saturday night for the first official visit by an Irish foreign minister.

A recent visit by Sweden's deputy prime minister, Mona Salin, was cut short because the Israeli hosts objected to her visiting the Orient House.

Salin left rather than provoke a confrontation.

Gur: Full security will be provided for Barkan squatters

HERB KEINON and LIAT COLLINS

DEPUTY Defense Minister Mordechai Gur yesterday told settlers who moved into abandoned homes near Barkan that "we will provide maximum security for the residents" without regard to politics.

He said the government is studying the legality of the move and whether it is in accordance with government policy before deciding whether to let them stay. "I imagine this will be cleared up quickly," he said.

Gur characterized his meeting at what the settlers call Ma'aleh Yisrael as "pleasant."

Groups of people visited throughout the day, as the organizers of the operation tried to keep a large pres-

ence to deter any government decision to evacuate.

In the Knesset yesterday, Gur said he wondered why no one had settled the spot earlier. "Will another five or 10 houses make a difference to the agreement on co-existence? ... The political situation that has developed in recent years since [the peace agreement with] Egypt is such that whether you build another house or on another half meter won't be what determines the end results," he said.

MK Dedi Zuckerman (Meretz) called for the Barkan settlers to evacuate immediately saying, "These aren't the needy looking for homes, these are the politically needy."

Haifa sees three heists in one day

TWO post offices and a bank, all in the Haifa area, were held up yesterday.

At almost the same minute, at around 12:30 p.m., police were called to the Bank Hapoalim branch on Rehov Hanita and to post offices in the Hadar Hacamel section and in Kiryat Haim.

Two men, one carrying a pistol, and both with their faces covered with keffiyehs and wearing

sunglasses, entered the bank and handed the teller a note reading: "Give us the cash." They fled with NIS 6,100.

At about the same time, a masked man armed with a pistol stole NIS 400 from the Haifa post office branch.

Another masked man, armed with a knife, took NIS 2,270 from the Kiryat Haim post office. (Tim)

Jordan opens liaison office in Gaza

JORDAN yesterday opened a representative office in the Palestinian autonomy. Ziad Majali, Jordan's representative, presented his credentials to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat at his Gaza

City headquarters. Morocco, Egypt, Tunis, Germany, Holland, Norway, and Denmark also have diplomatic representations in the Gaza-Jericho autonomy. AP



Rabbi Benny Elon (right), head of Jerusalem's Beit Orot Yeshiva, waits outside Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, where a judge later placed him under house arrest. (Isaac Harari)

Yeshiva head to be questioned in shooting incident

HERB KEINON

RABBI Benny Elon, head of Jerusalem's Beit Orot Yeshiva, was placed under house arrest yesterday and this morning will be brought in for questioning regarding shots fired near Faisal Husseini's home in Jerusalem Tuesday night.

Elon went to the Russian Compound yesterday morning to say that the Uzi from which the shots were fired belonged to him, but he denied firing the shots. He would not tell

the police who fired them.

The shots were fired during a confrontation between Beit Orot yeshiva students and Palestinians near Husseini's home. The students maintain the clash began because they were taking pictures of Husseini's home and a number of people

ran out and pelted them with stones.

The Palestinians maintain that the confrontation was triggered after the car carrying the Jews ran into one of Husseini's bodyguards.

According to Elon's wife Emunah Elon, Beit Orot students

sometimes drive past Husseini's home and Orient House to take pictures of those going in and out, including Hamas activists. Her husband went to the scene after the students radioed for help.

The students went to the Russian Compound to report the stoning - one was injured in the face and eye - and were arrested for the shootings. All but one of the students have been released on bail.

Heavy artillery exchange with Hizbullah in Lebanon

ALON PINKAS

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops yesterday exchanged heavy artillery and mortar fire with Hizbullah in and north of the security zone, the army and Lebanese sources said last night.

The dual began in the morning when Hizbullah launched a heavy mortar and Katyusha rocket attack on villages in the security zone, especially on Houla, not far from the Israeli border. The SLA returned

artillery fire targeting the villages of Talousa, Toulon, Kabriha and Barahit. The exchange continued for two hours throughout the central and eastern sectors of the zone.

Lebanese security sources in the south said four people, including a two-year-old child, were wounded as a result of the SLA retaliation.

The Hizbullah fire ceased only after a heavy IDF artillery bombardment later in the morning.

Hanit Kikos's parents doubt body is daughter's

EXPERTS from the Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine said yesterday that there was considerable similarity between an X-ray of the skull of the skeleton found in a drainage ditch in Beer-sheva Sunday and a dental X-ray taken of missing Ofakim teenager Hanit Kikos in 1990.

However, Kikos's father, Rafi, insisted yesterday that his daughter did not undergo the expensive dental work found in the skeleton's skull.

"We don't remember her undergoing such expensive dental work, which cost more than \$300. We also don't remember her having dental X-rays taken. We only know about some extractions and one filling. But the person whose skeleton was discovered was found to have undergone many expensive dental treatments."

Earlier, Rafi and Dolly Kikos denied having positively identified articles of Hanit's clothing found alongside the skeleton. However, Kikos said that added: "We do not want to determine anything absolutely. Anything is possible, and we can only await the results of the genetic testing to know for sure if the body is Hanit's, or that of another girl."

The couple had been surprised by a report in Yedioth Aharonot yesterday that they had identified the clothing as her daughter's. Rafi Kikos said that he was shocked by the report. (Tim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man dies of wounds from gang fight

Nafa Mashadawi, 25, of Dabburiye, died yesterday in Afula's Ha'emek Hospital of injuries suffered in a brawl between gangs in Kafir Shibli in the Galilee Sunday night. (Tim)

Baby abandoned in Bnei Brak

A month-old healthy baby was found abandoned yesterday in a carriage on Bnei Brak's Jabotinsky Street. A store owner spotted the unattended carriage and alerted police. Police and the Bnei Brak Municipality are trying to locate the mother. (Tim)

'Security can't be ensured after pullout'

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said on Channel 2 last night that only the IDF, not the police, could ensure the security of residents of Kfar Sava, Afula, or other towns along the Green Line once the IDF withdraws from Arab cities in the territories. Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu responded by saying the opposition would organize protests along the Green Line. (Tim)

Brushfire breaks out in Jordan Valley

Some 200,000 dunams of agricultural land were destroyed yesterday when a large brushfire broke out near Tzetzah spread down the Jordan Valley to Kibbutz Gesher. Gesher and Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov suffered extensive damage and several families had to be evacuated. (Tim)

Rosh Ha'ayin municipality on strike

The Rosh Ha'ayin municipality went on strike yesterday, with all 450 workers traveling to Jerusalem to demonstrate. The strike stems from financial problems arising from the government's failure to transfer money to the municipality. (Tim)

Another immigrant party founded

Another party appealing to immigrants - Aliya, Our People for a Renewed Israel - announced its formation yesterday in Tel Aviv, just days after Natan Sharansky announced the formation of the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party. (Tim)

Deployment exercise today

A deployment exercise along the Green Line will be held today in the Maccabim-Reut, Shilat, and Shoham areas. IDF forces, Border Police, police, and volunteers will take part. (Tim)

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Knesset calls for Pollard to be freed

LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset yesterday sent a message to the US: "Free Jonathan Pollard." All Israeli requests for the immediate freedom of Jonathan Pollard, said Justice Minister David Libai, responding to an urgent motion to the Knesset on the subject raised by Uzi Landau (Likud) after Pollard's father, Yehuda Pollard, told an Israeli television interview that his son had been abandoned by the Israeli government. The father claimed that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had admitted this.

Landau said the government is not doing enough to free Pollard or return Israeli MIAs and POWs. Libai said the subject is constantly raised with the US and had been brought up by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in his meeting with President Bill Clinton in May. "It is possible to free him," Libai said, but stressed that while Israel can demand his release, it is up to the US government to act.

He said the change in East-West relations and the excellent relations between the US and Israel in the 10 years since Pollard was sentenced should allow for his freedom. Libai said he could not reveal the details of all the efforts being made by the government. At the suggestion of Knesset Speaker Shimon Weiss, it was decided to send the minutes of Landau's motion and Libai's response to Pollard's father.

Armored Infantry units lack commander

ALON PINKAS

NEITHER the Armored Corps nor the Infantry and Paratroop Corps wants control over armored infantry units. This seemingly absurd battle for non-custody has left the armored infantry in limbo, lacking a commander.

A senior officer confirmed that the Ground Corps Command is currently trying to resolve the problem, but finding it difficult since both the Armored and Infantry corps are shunning responsibility. "It is not just a problem of developing a doctrine, and defining and prioritizing weapons systems needs. What we have here are officers and soldiers who have no superior officer to talk to, no one who will take care of their problems, no one who will convince officers to stay in service. In short, we have orphan units whose fate depends on the goodwill of the divisional commander to whom they are operationally subordinate," the officer said.

Armored Infantry units were disbanded after the Yom Kippur War, in which many were entirely obliterated while serving as spearheads for tank units. The units were again reconstructed in the 1980s, following the formation of the Ground Corps Command. In the late '80s, chief of general staff Dan Shomron decided the units would be under the OC Armored Corps, but their deployment under divisional commands and increasingly infantry-related tasks in Lebanon distanced them from the Armored Corps.

It is now up to OC GCC Maj. Gen. Ze'ev Eitan to determine the Armored Infantry's future. It should be emphasized that the Armored Corps itself has been operating without a commander for the last five months.

Hadassah doctors' dispute may hit medical students

JUDY SIEGEL

DOCTORS at Hadassah University Hospital have threatened to stop teaching medical students in Jerusalem starting Sunday in protest against the Hadassah Medical Organization's refusal to let doctors choose hospital division heads. The dispute was the cause of a 24-hour "warning strike" that affected the two Jerusalem hospitals until 7 a.m. today.

The protest, called by the Israel Medical Association, set in place a reduced Sabbath schedule, closing diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics, canceling elective surgery and reducing the presence of physicians on the wards. Doctors' representatives will meet today with HMO director-general Prof. Shmuel Penchas in an effort to resolve the dispute; if unsuccessful, the IMA threatens additional action.

In May 1994, all the country's hospital managements were asked to sign a new collective agreement. All signed, except the HMO, which objected to a clause that gives doctors the power to decide who will head divisions expected to be established in a future reorganization of all the country's medical institutions.

A senior HMO official said that a week ago, it finally signed the collective agreement, with a written statement that it did not accept the controversial clause. Yoosi Kucik, the treasury's wage chief, approved the HMO's action. HMO said that its signing of the collective agreement, albeit with the attached statement, eliminates the cause of the labor dispute. It also said it offered to remove the statement from the contract if that would cancel the labor dispute, but that the IMA balked. The IMA denies this. The new IMA chairman, Dr. Yoram Blachar, says it is unthinkable that Hadassah doctors should be "discriminated against" and have different contractual terms than those in other hospitals.



Colombian Ambassador to Israel Patricio Samper (second from left) and his children throw flowers on the grave of his wife, Genoveva, who was murdered by her son on Sunday. She was buried yesterday on Jerusalem's Mt. Zion. (Sharon Gershoni)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Food poisoning suspected at Egged cafe
About 100 people who ate in the Egged workers' cafeteria in Haifa took sick yesterday and rushed to their doctors and even hospital emergency rooms for treatment. The Health Ministry said the Haifa district health office immediately began to investigate, taking food samples from the kitchen and fecal samples from the victims. An egg salad is suspected of being the cause of the trouble, but tests are continuing. *Judy Siegel*

Shahal: Airport to get computer backup
A backup computer system will be installed in Ben-Gurion Airport, so that thousands of passengers will not be held up at passport control if the main system fails. Police Minister Moshe Shahal promised Knesset Economics Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) yesterday. Patt said he once saw 1,500 passengers held up for more than an hour because the computer system was down. *Evelyn Gordon*

Bill would portion out big lottery prizes
According to a bill proposed by Tsomet MK Rafael Eitan, which passed first reading in the Knesset yesterday, lottery winners of more than NIS 2m. will receive NIS 1m. of it a year, with interest and linkage paid on the remainder. *Liav Collins*

Anglicans choose co-bishop
The Anglican diocese of Jerusalem this week elected Archbishop Riah Abu El-Assal of Nazareth as the co-adjutor bishop of the diocese. Abu El-Assal is to serve together with Bishop Samir Kafry until the latter retires in September 1998. *Haim Shapiro*

Study: Common condition of uneven eyes may cause back pain

JUDY SIEGEL

PEOPLE whose eyes are not at exactly the same height are likely to suffer from back problems, according to research conducted at the Hadassah College of Technology's optometry department. Such individuals tend to bend their head at an angle to make the level of their eyes uniform, especially while working at a computer, reading, driving, or watching TV. Department head Yonatan Shapira, who headed the study, said the condition can be alleviated by wearing special glasses containing a vertical prism that cannot be noticed by others. This equalizes the field of vision in both eyes. He added that a slight variation in the location of the eyes on the face is enough to cause back problems, and is "very common."

Volcani scientists find plastic sheets confuse pests and save crops

JUDY SIEGEL

VOLCANI Institute scientists have become the first in the world to notice that the most harmful agricultural pests cause much less damage to produce grown under plastic sheeting that filters out ultraviolet light.

The use of this sheeting can thus significantly reduce the amount of pesticides and sprays against plant viruses used on fruits, vegetables and other crops.

Drs. Yehzekel Antigonus, Rachel Ben-Yosef and Shlomo Cohen of the Beit Dagan research institute published their findings in the April issue of *Science*. Their 18-month study investigated why bugs and plant viruses are much less common in certain sheeting-covered structures than in others.

They finally reached the conclusion that three types of plastic sheeting - each produced in a

different kibbutz for covering metal arches placed over a field - made the difference. They are Rav-Hozek PVC sheeting from Erez, IR Vradim from Ganigar and Solarig from Neot Mordechai, which all filter out the sun's UV light just like protective sunglasses.

Antigonus told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the special sheeting apparently confuses pests and makes it difficult for them to recognize hothouses and enter them. Bugs that are already inside have trouble finding the plants and cannot easily transmit viral diseases, thus crops grow healthier and need much less pesticide and other chemicals, the team found.

The team tested greenhouses full of tomato and cucumber

plants, noting the presence of thrip, white flies and aphids and the amount of damage they caused. Those plants under the UV filtering sheets needed almost no pesticide.

While not all crops are grown under plastic sheeting, an increasing amount of agriculture is carried out with this technology, said Antigonus, because it allows high-tech control of water, fertilizers, light and temperature and results in the best produce.

Antigonus noted that any major reduction in the use of pesticides will be welcome from both health and economic reasons.

Too-large accumulations of pesticide in the body are harmful to health, and many Israeli shipments of produce with high concentrations of pesticides have been rejected in Europe and sent back.

Tel Aviv police may charge Nimrodi, Mozes for sex service advertisements

RAINE MARCUS

THE editors-in-chief of *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot Aharanot*, Ofer Nimrodi and Arnon Mozes, may be charged with publishing obscene advertisements shortly following an investigation by Tel Aviv police.

Over the past few years, some pages of the two dailies have been full of ads offering various sexual services including erotic phone call services, high class call girls and massage parlors.

Ma'ariv editor Ya'acov Erez, who was questioned under caution last week, announced yesterday that the daily has already stopped accepting such ads,

which bring in a yearly revenue of NIS 2.5 million, until a special Knesset committee debates the issue.

Mozes and Nimrodi can expect to be summoned for questioning next week, said police.

Advertising executives from both dailies were also questioned last week.

Publishing obscene advertisements is considered a misdemeanor, with a maximum three-year prison sentence.

Police began the investigation after a complaint was filed by the

chairman of an organization called Taula.

In the media wiretapping case, Ruth Ben-Ari, *Yediot Aharanot's* news editor was summoned for the second time yesterday to National Crimes Squad headquarters to identify her voice on tapes allegedly recorded illegally on her home phone.

On Tuesday, *Yediot* editor Moshe Vardi and Ben-Ari were summoned to identify his voice on tapes.

Vardi claimed that he knew who was responsible for wiretapping phones inside the *Yediot* building.

Furor over Jews' College sale of manuscripts in London auction

LONDON (Reuters) - Sotheby's auction house said yesterday it expects a sale of Jewish manuscripts to go ahead despite last-ditch protests against Jews' College's decision to sell the collection.

Critics of the college, founded in the 19th century to train rabbis and teachers, say the sale would rob British Jewry of its heritage and betray those who donated the pieces.

Among the treasures are a fragment of a Torah scroll that some scholars believe to be older than the Dead Sea Scrolls and

one of the oldest surviving printed Hebrew books.

Rare perhaps, but not without equal, according to Sotheby's, which said the sale is to go ahead as planned on Tuesday.

"None of the manuscripts is in fact unique - they're not even unique in London," said a spokeswoman.

"There are 21 copies of one book, 17 copies of another, and 50 of another, she said."

Some religious leaders are nonetheless up in arms.

Harry Rabinowitz, a member of the college council, has called

an emergency meeting, on Monday to try to stop the auction, which is expected to fetch £150,000.

"It's like selling the family silver. People don't venerate books any more, only the check," he said.

Critics are also invoking Halacha, which forbids sales of a Torah scroll under circumstances that might take it out of Jewish hands.

The college said the sale aims to "help out in the present financial crisis" after a key donor pulled out.

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Gunmen raid Russian town, kill 15, take 200 hostages

DOZENS of armed men raided the south Russian town of Budennovsk yesterday, killing at least 15 people and fleeing with up to 200 hostages, Russian news agencies said.

A police spokeswoman in the regional capital Stavropol said the gunmen had declared that they wanted to force Moscow to stop its military campaign in Chechnya.

But Postfactum news agency quoted a spokesman for rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev denying responsibility for the attack.

Stavropol police spokeswoman Zoya Novikova said by telephone that one of the gunmen had declared "on behalf of the Chechen people that all the hostages would be shot dead if Russian troops did not stop military operations in Chechnya."

Tass said the gunmen, armed with mortars and automatic rifles, sprayed the town of 100,000 people with gunfire as they seized

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MOSCOW

several local administration buildings.

Interfax news agency said they had fled with the hostages, heading towards Chechnya, whose northern border is only 70 km away from Budennovsk.

There was no independent confirmation that the gunmen had any link to the Chechen rebels who have been resisting Russian troops for six months.

Dudayev spokesman Khamad Kurbanov told Postfactum the rebels had nothing to do with the attack. "The act of terror in Budennovsk is another provocation by Moscow aimed at destabilizing the situation in the North Caucasus," he said.

"Chechens will never spill the blood of innocents."

Russian television and news agencies have quoted Dudayev as

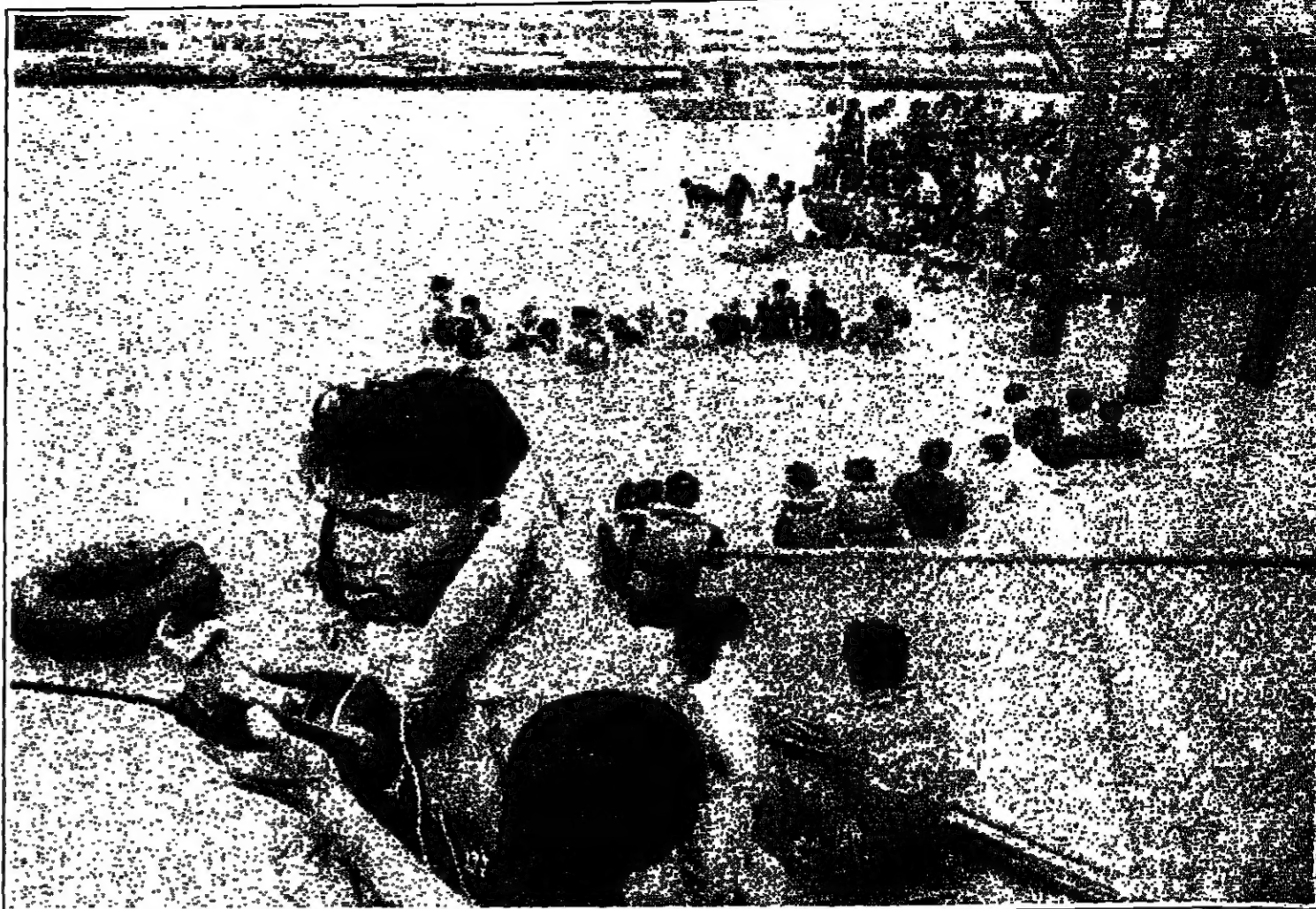
saying after the fall of two major strongholds in Chechnya on Tuesday that the rebels would continue fighting Russia using "other methods."

Tass said 15 dead bodies had been found on the streets and 21 wounded people had been rushed to hospital. The deputy head of the State Duma lower house of parliament told the chamber that 10 local policemen had been killed in the attack.

NTV independent television said eight attackers had been captured, two of whom had been identified as Chechens.

Interfax news agency said the armed group drove into town in two trucks before opening fire at random and seizing the telephone exchange and the buildings housing the police and the State Security Service (FSB).

It said President Boris Yeltsin had ordered that all necessary measures be taken to ensure the gunmen were captured. (Reuters)



Rescue workers search for survivors after an overcrowded river dock sank in Bangkok yesterday, killing at least 20, including several schoolchildren. (AP)

France seeks to quell protests over return to nuclear testing

Eight tests planned before ban takes effect next year

PARIS (Reuters) - France sought to calm a global storm of criticism yesterday at President Jacques Chirac's decision to resume nuclear weapons tests, stressing that he had agreed to end testing forever next year.

Chirac announced on Tuesday that Paris would conduct eight underground tests at its South Pacific site on Mururoa Atoll from September, ending next May in time to sign a total test ban treaty. French tests had been suspended since 1992.

The move unleashed a flood of protests, with New Zealand complaining of "Napoleonic arrogance." Australia and New Zealand suspended defense ties while the United States and Russia, the

two biggest nuclear powers, expressed regret.

But there were scant signs of protest in France itself and in Geneva, diplomats forecast that the French would ride out the protests successfully.

"In some ways, France has made it easier to conclude the test ban treaty now because it has ended uncertainty about its position," said one European diplomat.

"There is such momentum behind the test ban that it would take far more than this to derail it."

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette called the reactions entirely predictable, if excessive. He told foreign reporters: "The

prospect of a final halt very soon, with the closure of the test site, is the essential response to the questions raised."

"You should know that it is a short and limited exercise - and it is the last," Defense Minister Charles Millon said.

Russia appealed to France to change its mind and said the decision ran counter to "the spirit of agreements" reached in New York in May when the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was extended indefinitely.

Japan, which last month cut aid to China in protest against a nuclear test there, said France had betrayed "the trust of non-nuclear states."

Biggest Bosnian troop deployment raises fears of escalation in war

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - A massing of thousands of Bosnian army soldiers north of Sarajevo triggered fears yesterday of a major escalation in the 38-month Bosnian war.

The United Nations, which has reported up to 30,000 Bosnian army soldiers had moved into the area around Breza north of Sarajevo in the biggest troop deployment of the war, said it would try to head off any offensive by the army.

News of the troop buildup came as NATO was reported to be close to giving formal approval

to a contingency plan to pull UN peacekeepers out of Bosnia if the situation deteriorates.

British Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg said an attack by Bosnian government forces in a battle against separatist Serbs could lead to a withdrawal of peacekeepers.

In Sarajevo, UN spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, asked if the UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi would try to dissuade the Bosnian government from mounting an offensive, said: "Yes, I think in essence because our instructions

are to stabilize the situation."

In Vienna, Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammed Sacirbey said Serbs had moved new weapons into the UN exclusion zone around Sarajevo and the government army had to take "preventive measures" now.

He refused to confirm or deny reports that up to 30,000 Bosnian government troops were gathering north of Sarajevo, possibly to try to break the Serb siege of Sarajevo.

"We must be prepared not to liberate Sarajevo but actually to

defend Sarajevo at this time," he said.

The UN may be trying to head off a move by the Muslim-led army to attempt what the international community has been unable to do in more than three years - to end the Serb siege, the shelling of civilians and blockades of aid deliveries.

At Bosnian Serb headquarters in the mountain village of Pale, outside Sarajevo, cafes were full of talk that the Muslim-led army was massing 20 km north of the Bosnian capital.

Cult leader suspected of ordering strangling

TOKYO (AP) - The alleged mastermind of the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway faces another murder charge for allegedly ordering the strangling of an underling in his doomsday cult.

Shoko Asahara, the bearded, 40-year-old guru of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, has been in police custody since May 16, and has been charged with murder in the March 20 subway attack that left 12 people dead and 5,500 others sickened.

Yesterday, police took the formal step of "re-arresting" him, giving notice they feel they have sufficient evidence for prosecutors to bring charges in the strangling case.

The suspected strangling is just one of several deaths, disappearances and other violence

to which police have turned their attention since formal charges were filed June 6 against Asahara and other senior cult members in the subway attack.

Asahara, who is partially blind, is suspected of ordering the strangling of Kotaro Ochida, 29, a pharmacist at a hospital run by the cult. The strangling was carried out by Hideaki Yasuda, a 27-year-old former Aum member, in January 1994, police said.

Police officials did not give further information, but Japanese media reported that Yasuda, who was arrested earlier, told police that Asahara and 10 other senior cult members witnessed the killing at the cult's commune at Kamikuishiki, near Mount Fuji.

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Walesa urged to condemn priest's remarks on Jews

WARSAW (Reuters) - Pressure grew yesterday for Polish President Lech Walesa to condemn remarks about Jews in a sermon delivered by his parish priest in his presence this week.

The prominent priest, Henryk Jankowski, said on Sunday that the Jewish people should not allow those who owe secret allegiance to Israel or Russia to remain in government.

"Poles, bestir yourselves. We can no longer tolerate governments made up of people who have not declared whether they come from Moscow or from Israel," Jankowski said in his Sunday sermon.

The priest, once a prominent ally of Walesa in his Solidarity union's pre-1989 fight against communist rule, also declared that the Jewish Star of David symbol was a part of the communist hammer and sickle and the Nazi swastika.

"The president of the republic, who was present at the time, kept

silent and continues to do so," wrote Konstanty Gebert, a leading commentator among Poland's small Jewish community, in Wednesday's *Rzeczpospolita* newspaper.

Prominent writer and critic Jerzy Ficowski wrote to *Gazeta Wyborcza* newspaper deploring the fact that Walesa had listened in silence to Jankowski's statements.

Jewish organizations in Warsaw earlier issued a protest against the remarks saying Walesa should have spoken out.

Walesa's spokesman declined to comment yesterday.

The secretary of Poland's Roman Catholic episcopate, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, distanced the Church from Jankowski's sermon.

"This is a lack of responsibility for one's words, and a distortion of that which has been achieved through long efforts in mutual relations between the Church and Judaism."

Britain, Sinn Fein dig in over IRA arms deadlock

BELFAST (Reuters) - Britain and Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, dug in their heels yesterday over the decommissioning of IRA guerrilla arms: the stumbling block in a 10-month peace process.

Sir John Wheeler, a senior Northern Ireland minister, and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, stuck to diametrically opposed positions in separate media interviews that gave no hint of a breakthrough.

The exchange coincided with a report in the *Irish Times* that US President Bill Clinton is concerned about the slow progress of the Northern Ireland peace process and will tell British Prime Minister John Major so on Friday.

Britain says Sinn Fein will be excluded from top-level peace talks until the IRA starts handing over weapons and explosives used in a 25-year war to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

High Court of Justice in Jerusalem Application File 3039/95

In the Matter of the Applicant: Avi Haviv, I.D. 054311592
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versus:

Respondent: Francisca Haviv (Solano), ID 302042973, address unknown

SUMMONS

To: Francisca Haviv (Solano), ID 302042973, address unknown:

You are advised that Avi Haviv has submitted an application to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem for a divorce dissolving your civil marriage, as detailed in the application, which is available for your perusal in the Secretariat of the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem. You are requested to submit a defense within 37 days of publication of this notice.

This notice will be considered as a substitute for delivering the summons. In accordance with the decision of the President of the High Court of Justice, as detailed in the above file of May 21, 1995.

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June 15, 1995 S. Salzman, Adv.

Ports & Railways Authority

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In Caesarea's amphitheater, the doves flew by too fast

FLAIR
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On television, it came across as a wonderful, fast-paced show, but to many spectators in Caesarea's Roman amphitheater, the highly publicized Fashion World's Summer of Peace did not live up to expectations.

The models paraded too quickly for anyone to take in the often fabulous designs sent in by some of the world's leading designers. A gown was momentarily on stage and then gone before anyone could absorb the details.

This doesn't matter so much when it's the collection of one designer who may show the same outfit or slight variations of a theme several times in different colors.

But in this case, there were no copies of anything. Spectators were entitled to see more.

Poor organization within the amphitheater marred most of the glitz and glamor for one section of the audience. No proper provisions were made for television coverage other than for Keshet, which broadcast the event live on Channel 2.

Security personnel tried to group other television crews and photographers together, so invitees and paying patrons would have an unobstructed view. It almost resulted in a media walkout.

In the end, the TV people had their way. After all, what better weapon is there at such a time than the threat of no coverage abroad?

Dignitaries such as local fashion-industry doyenne Lola Beer, Rahel Dayan and model-indus-

try queen Betty Rockaway were forced to move because they couldn't see.

Someone pointed out to local cameramen that they were blocking the view of Yohji Yamamoto representative Dagmar Forelle, who had come from Paris for the occasion. They responded with rude comments in French.

Someone else made room for Forelle in another section, and she was taken under the wings of local designers Rickey Ben-Ari and Noa Arber.

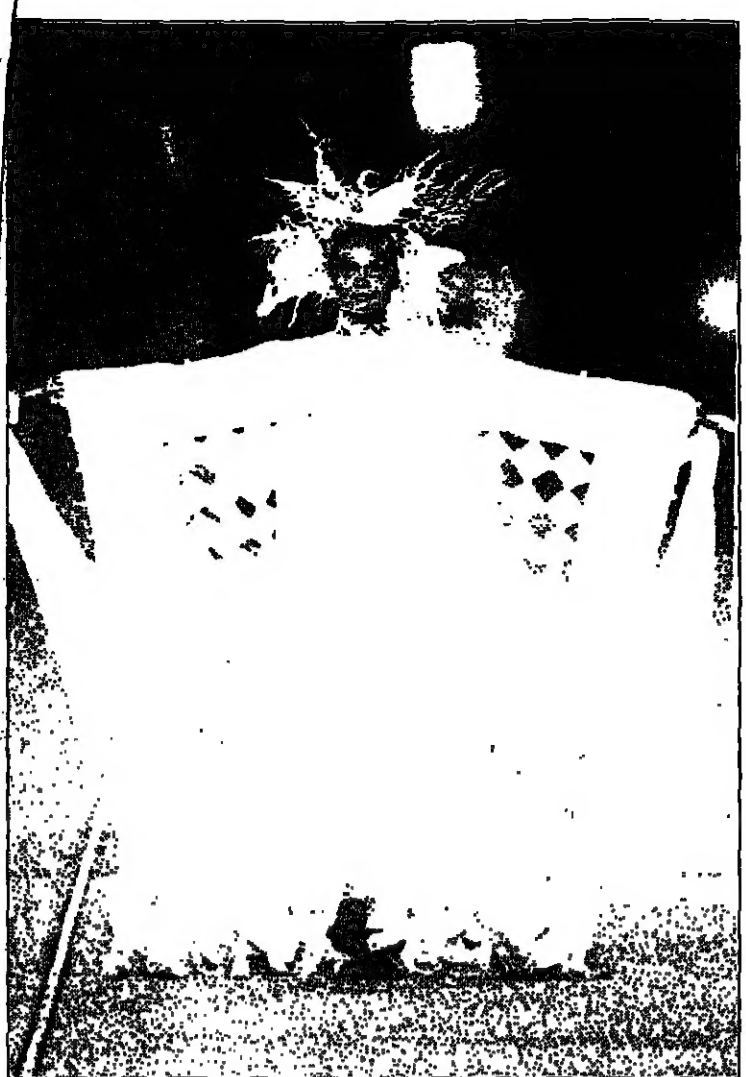
"In Paris it's better organized," Forelle said, "but then they are more experienced."

Master of ceremonies Erez Ts took a very cavalier attitude, for getting that this was not his *Wheel of Fortune* TV show; the other MC, Yael Abecassis, fluffed her lines even though she was reading.

What was totally inexcusable were the mistakes made in identifying the designs. Turkish designer Cemil Ipekci, who was in the audience, must have been mortified when his magnificent kimono-cut tunic was attributed to someone else.

DESIGNERS WHO went to the trouble of creating something special for the peace parade mostly went in for symbolism: spelling out peace in spangles; portraying peace as bride or the number of thigh-to-ankle splits was indicative, as breakthrough.

Vivienne Westwood's cheek Edwardian gown, though virgin white, was open all the way from



Peaceful creations: Turkish designer Cemil Ipekci's kimono-cut tunic with Christian, Jewish and Islamic symbols (left); Russian designer Valentin Yudashkin's tube dress with doves on the bosom and a map of the world on the bottom. (J. Reif)



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the buttocks. There were the inevitable doves, of course. Hagar Alembeck had live doves flying from the national-flag train, which extended from a huge crinoline.

Various designers confined their doves to the artificial variety, in either white or silver. But Oded Gera fashioned his into a gold breastplate.

Other designers used feathers to get the point across, most notably America's Arnold Scaasi. The bridal gown he created featured a bell-shaped skirt made

entirely of feathers that looked ready for takeoff.

Another American, Isaac Mizrahi, and Israeli's Yehuda Dor found inspiration in the Israeli and PLO flags. Mizrahi placed his at bust level on a red T-shirt teamed with tight, black, shimmering pants.

Dor put his flags on the bust of a see-through bodysuit and put an American flag over the crotch.

The message was less than subtle, but possibly reflected the frustrations of many Israelis of Dor's generation who are tired of America's involvement in the Middle East.

One of the more imaginative creations was that of Russian designer Valentin Yudashkin. His long-sleeved tube dress - with doves on the bosom - fanned out from the knee into a crinoline, opening like an umbrella. It was imprinted with the map of the world.

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin declared that he would be happy if military uniforms were turned into peace garments.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram commented that if the Bible were to be written now, it would be along the lines of "... and they sewed the garments of war into the garments of muslin."

A little too much to hope for just yet.

Except for an occasional gripe, people in the crowd generally pronounced the event a success.

The most frequently heard comment was: "It was very good for Israel" - about as backhanded a compliment as anyone can give.

What did they mean "it was very good"? It was a piece of cake for Israel - with only a few cracks in the frosting.

The protection factor: There are many ways to cover yourself

OFF THE SHELF
MARTHA MESELS

WHATEVER happened to sunblocks and long white gloves? It may be simpler to wear them than to figure out the ever-increasing variety of products promising protection from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

This year, UV protection has come to the entire Pizuk line of shampoos and conditioners, made by Witco.

The sun-protecting compound is octyl methoxycinnamate, one of the main active ingredients found in most sunscreens. Witco's chief chemist for toiletries, Miriam Kupermintz, admits that there is no comparison between the potential UV danger to hair and the much greater risk to the skin: cancer.

However, she says that UV rays are detrimental to the strength and flexibility of hair and to its natural color. She says UV protection is somewhat more important for blondes and redheads than for brunettes.

She also concedes that much of the octyl methoxycinnamate added to a shampoo will be rinsed out, leaving only about 10 percent on the hair. Kupermintz says that Witco has included what is called a "film former" to help retain more UV protection.

Significantly more sunscreen remains on the hair from the conditioner, the chemist says. The conditioner also contains vitamin E to help hair recover from sun damage.

Pizuk shampoo or conditioner with UV screen for normal, dry or oily hair sells for NIS 7.90 to NIS 8.90 in a 400-ml. bottle which bears a yellow, sun-shaped sticker printed with the letters "UV." The UV protector has also been added to Pizuk's shampoo for men, its anti-dandruff

formula, and its anti-snarl shampoo for children.

AMONG THE nearly two dozen ingredients in a new after-shave lotion are two compounds designated as "sun protectors": octyl methoxycinnamate and octyl phenylsiloxane-3. Etou Pour Homme afterwards purports to be both a skin-care product and a perfume. Vitamins E and C are among its components as are a host of such natural ingredients as aloe vera, witch hazel, passion flower, chamomile licorice, pineapple and grapefruit.

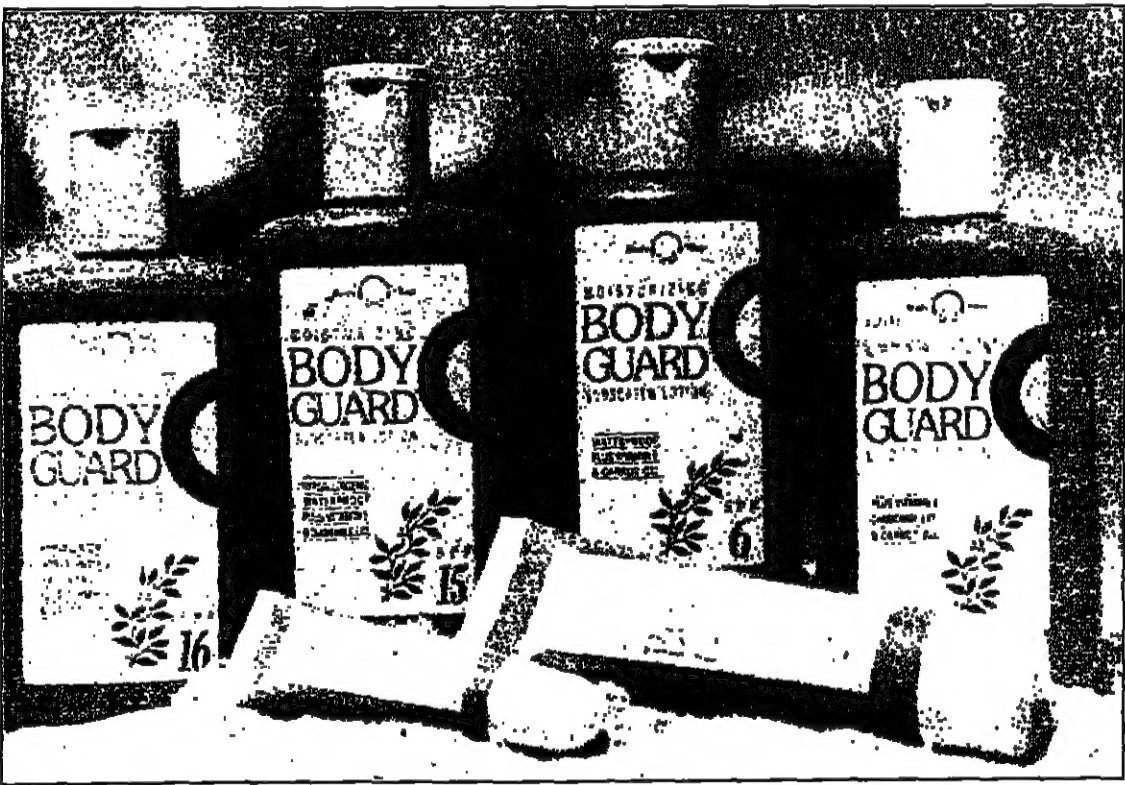
How effective its aromatic cocktail is against ultraviolet rays is anyone's guess. The new after-shave, produced by Katie Parfums of New York, Rome and Paris, is a corollary to Etou Pour Homme, which came on the market two years ago.

A 100-ml. bottle of Etou Pour Homme will cost NIS 115, but is being introduced here at NIS 96. It is sold at chain stores, perfume shops, pharmacies and even some health-food shops.

SERIOUSSEEKERS of UV protection will try specialized product lines. Among local producers, one is bigger or better known than the Dr. Fischer brand from Fischer Pharmaceuticals of Bei Brak.

The Ultra Sol line of UV-screens products has sun-protective factors (SPF) as high as 42. An SPF number indicates how long you can multiply your time in the sun without increasing the UV effect on the skin. For instance, 10-minute exposure with a sunscreen is equal to 150 minutes of exposure with a sunscreen product bearing an SPF factor of 15.

Fischer's vice president for re-



Body Guard sunscreen and after-sun preparations are not tested on animals.

search and development, Dr. Nira Hadas, says that most people going outdoors for recreational purposes do not need SPF higher than 15. Candidates for higher numbers include people who work long hours in the outdoors (farmers, policemen, etc.), and sportsmen active in the sun-light for prolonged periods, particularly those exposed to reflected light while boating or skiing.

Hadas, a chemist by profession, says a high SPF not only lengthens the period of UV protection, but also provides deeper protection during any given period of time. Therefore, people with very light, sensitive skin or who have suffered skin tumors are also candidates for stronger protection.

One of Ultra Sol's newest sun protection products is a non-

aerosol spray with SPF 23. It is oil free, a boon to those with oily skin, and preservative free to benefit those with allergies to preservatives in cosmetics. It is waterproof for 80 minutes.

It is also very expensive, at NIS 56.15 for 125 ml. As a general rule, the higher the SPF within the same brand, the higher the price.

Another new product is Ultra Sol DuraScreen, so named because it is said to be durable in water for six hours. It is marked "sweatproof" as well as "waterproof," and has a high SPF 30.

DuraScreen comes in a version for children as well as adults, with different bottle designs but the identical formula. The manufacturer says its staying power is useful because children dislike being smeared repeatedly, and day

campers get the dose of lotion once in the morning before leaving home.

Ultra Sol DuraScreen costs NIS 35 for 125 ml. and NIS 55 for 250 ml. For babies and toddlers, there is a Baby-Sol line, and Hadas recommends SPF 16 for most babies. She urges parents to cover babies as much as possible in lightweight clothing when in the sun.

For women, Dr. Fischer adds UV protection in its skin-care lines Ultra-Care and Alpha-Glow. For those who nevertheless manage to get more sun than they bargained for, Dr. Fischer has a new After Sol moisturizing lotion which contains vitamin E and pro-vitamin B5 to facilitate the healing process of sun-injured skin. The recommended retail price for 250 ml. is NIS 31.55.

ULTRA SOL Sunless Tanning, also by Dr. Fischer, is for those who don't want to go into the sun at all. It is a moisturizing cream which imparts a tanned look to the outermost layer of skin cells.

You have a choice of a light or dark shade.

Hadas says you should scrub the skin well before applying Sunless Tanning in order to remove dead skin and ensure an even color. It takes two to three hours to take effect. It is meant for use on face and body. Water does not wash off this artificial tan, but it fades as the skin sheds.

I was surprised to see that Sunless Tanning carries a sun-protection factor of 17. Hadas explains this is for the consumer who puts on the cream in the morning and goes off to the beach, assuming that an artificial tan will protect against the sun's rays. It won't, so sunscreen has been added.

The cream costs NIS 49 for a 120-ml. tube.

It is labeled as hypoallergenic. If you have a tendency to skin allergies, Hadas suggests you test any new product on your neck behind your ear for a few days before extensive use.

This year, Dr. Fischer has begun putting expiry dates on its sun-care products. These are two to four years after production.

CLINIQUE, the skin-care division of Estee Lauder, has a full line of sun-blocking products called Sun Service. All are allergy-tested and fragrance-free.

Those with an SPF rating of 10 or more are designated as sun blocks.

Prices are very high, particularly when compared with locally made sunscreens.

The lowest priced product here is the Lip Block SPF 15 - a colorless, flavorless lipstick for men, women and children - at NIS 79. Most Clinique sun-block and after-sun preparations cost NIS 104 to NIS 111 for 100 ml. The most

expensive is the Face-Zone Sun Block - a sheer, light skin-tone makeup, costs NIS 129.

THE SWISS Piz Buin brand is introducing Sunbalance Hydro Sol. At the relatively low SPF 8, it is meant for skin which tans easily without burning.

The firm says Hydro Sol gel is readily absorbed to maintain the skin's moisture balance in the sun. It contains neither oils nor preservatives. A 100-ml. tube costs NIS 35.90.

BODY GUARD is a line of sunscreen and after-sun preparations made by Fischer Laboratories for the local Body Shop chain (not related to the international chain of the same name). They contain more natural substances than most.

Among its specialty items is Natural Body Guard Sunscreen, with an SPF of 16, said to be made solely from a natural ingredient, titanium dioxide, which Fischer's Hadas says gives very effective UV protection. A 125-ml. bottle carries a recommended price of NIS 34.99.

Body Shop takes pride in the fact that none of its products contains animal-source ingredients, and none of its preparations were tested on animals.

Let's get you too excited about this, however, Fischer Laboratories also states that, for the past several years, it has done no animal testing or used any animal-origin materials in its Dr. Fischer brand either.

Body Guard prices are in the moderate range. A lipstick with an SPF of 18 sells for NIS 9.99, while 125-ml. bottles of UV protective lotions with factors from 6 to 34 range in price from NIS 18.99 to NIS 38.99. Body Guard's newest product is a moisturizing sunscreen cream in a tube, with vitamin E, chamomile and a SPF of 15. It sells for NIS 18.99 for 50 ml.

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Weizman's involvement

THERE was a minor incident on Tuesday at the President's residence which hardly drew notice. In a manner reminiscent of some unlovely regimes, Aryeh Schumer, director-general of President Ezer Weizman's bureau, tried to prevent an Israel Television camera from photographing the American ambassador's limousine parked in the driveway.

The attempt was quickly aborted. Schumer obviously realized he had no right to cover the video camera's lens. But his act, as is often the case when censorship is attempted, drew attention to what it was supposed to conceal — that the American and the Russian ambassadors had both visited Weizman without their visits being recorded on his official calendar.

The visits were obviously connected with the negotiations with Syria and Weizman's comments on them. Displaying the kind of openness and bluntness that has endeared him to many, Weizman had spelled out on the previous day what the government has been loath to reveal: that Israel is now willing to relinquish the Golan and withdraw to the international border in return for a peace treaty.

Not surprisingly, the opposition welcomed his statement as an indication of the government's mendacity. While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin still states that no lines of withdrawal have been determined, said opposition leaders, the president reveals the truth — that everything has already been given away.

Yesterday, as if to confirm that he is intent on showing the government how it ought to behave, Weizman did what any self-respecting government would have done long ago. He informed the Irish foreign minister that if he insisted on meeting Palestinian officials at

Orient House, which operates as the Palestinian Authority's government office in Jerusalem in defiance of Israeli law, he would be unwelcome at the president's residence.

Had the government treated all visiting dignitaries with this kind of firmness, Orient House would have long ago ceased to function, and Rabin's warning that the Oslo agreement would be scuttled if the place became the PLO's foreign ministry would not have sounded so embarrassingly hollow. Indeed, it must be hoped that Weizman's simple act of dignity will remind the government of the folly of abject sycophancy.

But this sudden flurry of presidential activity in the political sphere, as instructive as it may be, must raise questions. Since the establishment of the state, Israeli presidents have acted somewhat as constitutional monarchs, scrupulously avoiding the political fray. Weizman's drastic departure from this norm adds lester and excitement to his office. But it is one thing to give vent to the public's sentiments, and quite another to impart the impression that the president would like to become an active player in the negotiations — something for which he has no mandate.

Weizman has little patience for rules and constraints, especially when the country's fate is in the balance. And his unease about the government's handling of the peace process is shared by many, probably a majority. But it would be a mistake to mislead the American and Russian emissaries who hold furtive consultations with him, and a Syrian regime expecting ever-increasing Israeli concessions, about his authority to represent the people's political will. This is, for better or worse, the exclusive domain of the government.

Explosion of hype

HYSTERICAL "Greens" are already treating France's decision to resume nuclear weapons testing as some sort of global disaster and a threat to Pacific ecology. The best that can be said of such Green hype is that it is no more inflated than the delusions of French grandeur that lie behind the essentially political decision.

Newly elected President Jacques Chirac is just off on his first foreign foray to the Group of Seven summit in Washington. The timing of the announcement is clearly meant to show that France has no intention of allowing its grand entrance to be buried under some spat over car sales between the United States and Japan. A big bang is a sure substitute for making a big noise in world affairs.

This replay of a tired old scenario may leave many people thinking the new world order after the Cold War looks pretty much like the old one. One of the big five nuclear powers tests a weapon, the others declare it a threat to world stability, countries thousands of miles from the test behave as if they are under nuclear attack, and Greens act as if the earth's crust will crack — or at least some endangered, barely visible plankton species will never be seen again.

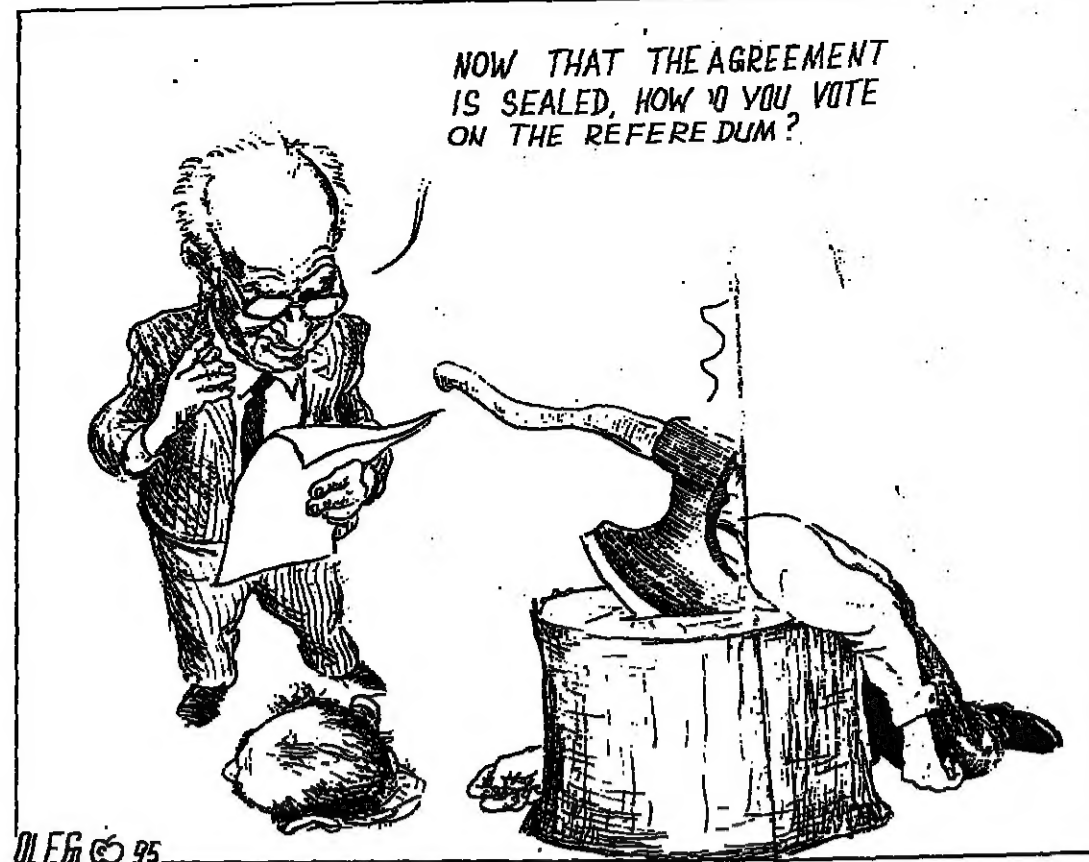
The truth is, underground nuclear testing has proved to be a fairly innocuous event compared with frequent minor earthquakes in some part of the globe. It is not the most edifying of human endeavors, to be sure, given the ultimate

purpose of such weapons, but in an imperfect world it causes less mayhem than drug pushing, urban blight, or strip mining.

But political blather has never had much to do with simple facts, and the overblown protests merely inflate the international attention a new French president can glean from a dramatic announcement. The world, increasingly English-speaking, must periodically be reminded that France is a Great Power. In a swipe at Washington, Chirac announced on television this week that "the Atlantic Alliance does not have a leader" — a lack he is, in all humility, undoubtedly keen to rectify.

Chirac has, however, indicated that the new tests — ostensibly to gather data to perfect computer simulations — may be the last. One Australian university analyst did at least make a sensible comment, saying the old Cold War idea that a nuclear deterrent needs to be demonstrated occasionally to be effective is misguided. "Israel, Pakistan, and India pursue a deterrent posture of ambiguity and it is a very effective deterrent indeed," he said.

The storm of protest also disguises some hypocrisy. France is no danger to world stability, but among those protesting most loudly are countries which have shown little conscience about selling dangerous nuclear technology to states like Iraq and Iran, neither of which would hesitate to blow up a large number of people if they could only get away with it.



Cairo's cynical gesture

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THE whole country was affected this week when the remains of navigator Eran Cohen were finally brought home and laid to rest at Kibbutz Degania Alef. Few could have been unmoved as Cohen's mother Betty — who had waited 22 years for this day — pleaded for the remains of 18 other missing soldiers to be sent home.

American diplomats have noted the immense importance Jews attach to a proper burial for their loved ones. They are quietly telling Hafez Assad that he too should make a confidence-building gesture to Israel by returning the remains of master spy Eli Cohen, hanged in Damascus in May 1963, and perhaps those of a couple of Israeli soldiers too.

Delving into this matter of Egypt's "humanitarian gesture" is delicate. Yet the harsh truth must be faced: The Egyptians knew all along precisely where Cohen's Phantom fighter jet had crashed near Mansura in the Nile Delta region. Every scrap of the Israeli aircraft would have been checked and rechecked for military data.

Egypt's longstanding refusal to reveal the whereabouts of Cohen's remains says a lot about the different attitudes of Jew and Moslem concerning the dead.

Why return Cohen's remains now? Clearly, this was a cynical move prompted by President Mubarak's pleasure at Yitzhak Rabin's reversal on the question of building on alleged Arab land in eastern Jerusalem.

The "reward" of Eran Cohen's remains, aimed at helping the Rabin government blind Israelis to concessions still in the pipeline, was much appreciated in Washington. Some US diplomats reason that if Assad can be brought to make a similar gesture, it will be that much easier for Israelis to swallow the surrender of the Golan, lock, stock and barrel, to the kindly Syrians.

The Arab states are in possession of the remains of a number of missing Israeli soldiers. They will no doubt use them to squeeze further concessions from Israel.

WITH INDECENT if not criminal haste, our leaders are dismantling the state that was so painfully built up by the early pioneers and defended at such cost.

POSTSCRIPTS

AFTER 28 YEARS of Cambridge dominance, Oxford finally triumphed over its bitter rivals — in tiddlywinks.

With tension mounting in the Old Refectory at Wadham College, Oxford, the two teams of four pairs crouched over their counters. Oxford edged into the lead in the first two rounds but, after a break for lunch, Cambridge, the favorites, clawed back to draw. In an atmosphere described as "electric" by Stewart Sage, senior treasurer of the England Tiddlywinks Association, and former president of the Cambridge club, Oxford clinched victory in the final round.

The Cambridge club was created in 1955 with the sole purpose of beating Oxford in an annual tournament.

Cambridge students are traditionally more interested in the game. Sage said this was because most Oxford students took themselves too seriously to play. "It is quite a complicated game once you get into it," he said. "It requires a certain amount of indulgence and a willingness to look a

bit ridiculous, and I think people at Cambridge are more prepared to do that than people at Oxford."

The championship has been the source of some ugly disagreement in the past, with claims and counter-claims concerning the number of victories won by each side.

The two clubs even disagree about the spelling of the word tiddlywink — the version accepted by Cambridge and, rather treacherously, by the Oxford English Dictionary. The Oxford club prefers to spell it tiddlewink.

A NEW CLINIC in Norway treats patients for the only ailment they don't claim to have: hypochondria.

"Hypochondria believe they have a serious illness, either one that is terminal or at least serious. They hold onto that belief, that fear, even after they have been examined," said Ingvald Wilhelmssen, the doctor behind the clinic.

It's a miserable way to live: constant worry, time lost from work, stiff medical bills, and even broken marriages because one

spouse can no longer stand the other's obsession with imagined or negligible ailments.

"Hypochondria always choose the least likely, and worst possible alternative. They have a headache, they assume it's a brain tumor. If their chest hurts, they assume they're having a heart attack," Wilhelmssen said.

His government-subsidized clinic in the city of Bergen sees hypochondriacs once a week. Patients are ushered into the favorite setting: an examining room packed with medical equipment.

"It's very clear that they are in a hospital, so it is a very reassuring environment for a hypochondriac," Wilhelmssen said.

He carefully reviews patients' medical records, ordering tests and making sure they get any necessary medical treatment.

He readily admits that "Just because they're hypochondriacs doesn't mean they can't get a serious illness."

But if there's nothing wrong, Wilhelmssen gives it to them straight. "I use the word 'hypochondriac.'"

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Fresh focus

GAD YA'ACOBI

MEETING with Jews across the US and Canada, I have been impressed by the extent to which the vast majority support the peace process. Of course there are divergent voices, sometimes loud ones. But this is characteristic of free societies.

More important to the future of the Israel-Diaspora relationship than the bullying of an extreme fringe is the ability of Diaspora Jews and their institutions to adjust to new realities in the Middle East and in their own countries.

There is no guarantee, for example, that the next generation of American Jews will care enough about Israel to turn out for a Salute to Israel parade, to support the Israeli government, or even to voice dissent.

In Israel, success in progressing toward peace and a stronger, more prosperous Israel means that "crisis-response" can no longer be the paradigm for the relationship between Israel and American Jewry.

Fifty-two percent of US Jews take Gentile spouses. The majority of Jewish children receive no formal Jewish education. About 75 percent of US Jews have never visited Israel.

In the 47 years since independence, fewer than 100,000 Jews have made aliya from the US. Ten years ago, 70 percent of all donations to the Jewish Federations were sent to Israel. Today that number hovers around 35 percent. Rare is the American Jew who speaks Hebrew.

These facts bespeak grave dangers to American Jewry's long-term ability to maintain a strong communal identity in a free and democratic society.

American Jews feel more and more part of the establishment and ruling elite. And this is perceived as a positive phenomenon.

Hardly anyone comments on the fact that President Clinton's last two appointments to the Supreme Court were Jews. The same is true of the appointments to head the CIA and the World Bank. This, in addition to the three Jewish secretaries in Clinton's cabinet, and the first Jewish ambassador to Israel. Developments such as these are creating a new psychosocial dynamic among American Jewry.

What Israel and the Diaspora need is a new vocabulary

ISRAEL HAS yet to think seriously about the future of its relations with the communities of the Diaspora. Israelis still view American Jews as a lever for exerting political influence or raising money, ignoring or denying the fact that the successes of the Jewish people in Israel and abroad have set our communities on diverging paths. Crisis-response won't work once the crises seem less pressing.

What Israel and Diaspora need is a new vocabulary, with partnership and mutuality being the operative words. And we should take the term literally: It is unacceptable that the dialogue be conducted solely in English, as in the past. Mutuality requires Hebrew language study in the Diaspora. Partnership requires that Israel help achieve it.

The question in the Diaspora is no longer "Who is a Jew?" but "Who will stay Jewish?" Israel must help find the answer. Likewise, Diaspora Jewry has an important role to play in Israel's continued development and prosperity. Economic ties must go beyond charity to encompass investment, joint ventures and professional relationships. The direct connection should be further enhanced by visits to Israel and study in Israel.

A new partnership of this kind is critically important. From Israel's perspective, the Diaspora is its closest and most devoted partner. From the Diaspora perspective, Israel is the key to maintaining Jewish existence.

Considering the weight of these issues, the recent incident in New York involving Shulamit Aloni shouldn't be taken for more than it was. Generalizations and mutual recriminations are no basis for a new relationship.

Had we lost our focus in the days of "crisis-response," we wouldn't have survived. Let us not lose it now.

The author is Israel's ambassador to the UN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EGYPTIAN PUBLIC OPINION

Sir, — When the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was signed, it was followed by a strong wave of optimism among people on both sides: everybody was talking about a long-lasting permanent peace in the area. However, an important sector of Egyptian intellectuals expressed reservations and opposition, mainly because they objected to a unilateral Egyptian agreement, but wanted a pan-Arab agreement and some of them did not trust Israeli intentions. The rest of the Arab world rejected the treaty.

During the ensuing years, both the Egyptian and Israeli governments clung to the peace process despite the painful blows from extremists on both sides. However, I am not primarily concerned here with relations between governments, but public opinion. I firmly believe that the majority of Egyptians agreed to the peace treaty and were fully convinced of the necessity of a peaceful settlement; however, there was always in the back of their minds a feeling of uneasiness, because the Palestinian problem had not been solved.

After the Israeli-Palestinian agreement in Oslo, most Egyptians were happy and there was a general sense of satisfaction. This was immediately reflected in the form of a move towards active cultural, artistic and scientific cooperation be-

tween people for the first time after long years of cool relations. This trend started to spread to all Arab nations, even before a complete Israeli-Palestinian treaty was finalized.

Then the Israeli decision to confiscate Arab lands in Jerusalem was announced, and it dealt a blow to the peace process. Egyptians lost confidence in Israel and started to get suspicious about Israel's true peace intentions. Here again, I am not interested in the Arab governments' reactions. But in the people's complete loss of confidence and hope for a true peace.

Now, the Israeli government has announced a suspension of the decision to confiscate land in Jerusalem. Different explanations of this decision were suggested by observers. Hopefully, the Israeli government realized that they were hurting the peace process, and losing a lot of credit and trust, which will only lead to more and more violence.

If the decision to suspend the confiscation is not just another maneuver to soothe anger until everyone calms down, I think that Israel should cancel the decision, to prove the people in our area that it truly wants peace.

MOHAMED ABOULGHAR, M.D.,
Professor,
Faculty of Medicine,
Cairo University
Cairo.

UNFAIR ATTACK

Sir, — I wish to comment on Avraham Burg's accusations of incompetence and worse leveled against the Jewish Agency's legal advisor, Dr. Eli Likhovsky as reported by Bat-sheva Tsur in the Post's May 30 issue.

I have known Dr. Likhovsky since 1980 when I was practicing law in New York. In that capacity, I had considerable dealings with Dr. Likhovsky in connection with a number of syndicated loan transactions with consortia of US banks as well as various issues relating to the manifold activities of the Jewish Agency and the US tax status of its affiliate organizations in the US. In all of these matters, Dr. Likhovsky represented his client in exemplary fashion, not only in the narrow legal sense but no less in his capacity to blend the requirements of law together with the organizational and political reality of an organization as complex as the Agency. Above all, contrary to the innuendo offered by Mr. Burg, I found Dr. Likhovsky's integrity, both personal and professional, to be uncompromising.

Mr. Burg's criticism of Dr. Likhovsky is particularly outrageous as I doubt the critic has yet mastered even a fraction of the complexities and subtleties of the Agency.

NATHANIEL L. GERBER
Jerusalem.

JUN 20 1995

You can avoid being burned by old/new flame

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



A man I was in love with before I got married is getting a divorce. He and I never really had what you'd call a "relationship," though I slept with him. He always treated me badly. Then, one day, I heard he was getting married, and I was crushed. Upon hearing from friends about his separation, I became restless, and convinced to "run into" him. His attitude towards me is different now, and I am more confident and look very good. He has begun to fall in love with me and is showing it. All I want is to be with him, but I have a family to consider. I'm not sure how to deal with this trick life is playing on me.

In a Sad State of Affairs
Somewhere in Israel

Dear In a State,
Being confident and looking good are not the only reasons for your new "status" in this man's eyes. You are also — perhaps more importantly — attached to another man. Keep this in mind before doing anything rash. Otherwise you may discover yet another trick life tends to play. If you leave your husband, this old/new flame of yours may well return to old patterns of behavior. But if the imminent divorce of another man has so thrown you off balance, your relationship with your husband is in need of serious examination. I suggest you get professional help before making any decisions.

Dear Ruthie,
Two buddies of mine go skiing in Switzerland every year without their wives. Until now, I've never been able to join them, due to my work schedule, and to the fact that my kids were very young, which was hard on my wife. This year, I decided it would be feasible for

me to go. My wife disagrees. The problem, she says, is not the children, but the fact that these friends of mine go off to chase skirts on these annual trips. I keep telling her that their bark is worse than their bite, and that what they do cannot affect my fidelity. But she won't budge.

Snowed In
Beersheba

Dear Snowed,
Your wife is wrong to assume that you're going to turn this skiing trip into a hunting trip. She should base her trust or lack of it on who you are, rather than on your friends' behavior.

But you should ask yourself honestly whether your desire to go on this annual venture is solely due to your love of winter sports. Perhaps your wife is picking up on some inadvertent signals from you indicating "hormones" more clearly than "hailstones."

Dear Ruthie,
I'm organizing a dinner party in honor of the retirement of a friend. After making out the guest list, I realized that there are two couples who recently began feuding. Each couple is close to us, and to the guest of honor. I cannot invite both. I don't know which to exclude. What can I do?

Hostess in the Hothouse
Jerusalem

Dear Hothouse Hostess,
You can invite both couples, and tell each that the other is also invited. Let them decide whether they can put aside their differences to honor a mutual friend. The couple that begs off first should be the one to be excluded.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

He looked for revenge on the highway

BOOKS
ALLEN BARRA

INTERSTATE by Stephen Dixon.
Henry Holt. 374 pp. \$25.

THIS remarkable new novel is being hailed by its publisher as "experimental" in form, which is likely to put you off, since an investment of \$25 and several hours of serious reading time should entitle you to something more than an experiment.

You shouldn't be put off though, for in this, his 17th book, Dixon has honed his radical techniques to their sharpest point.

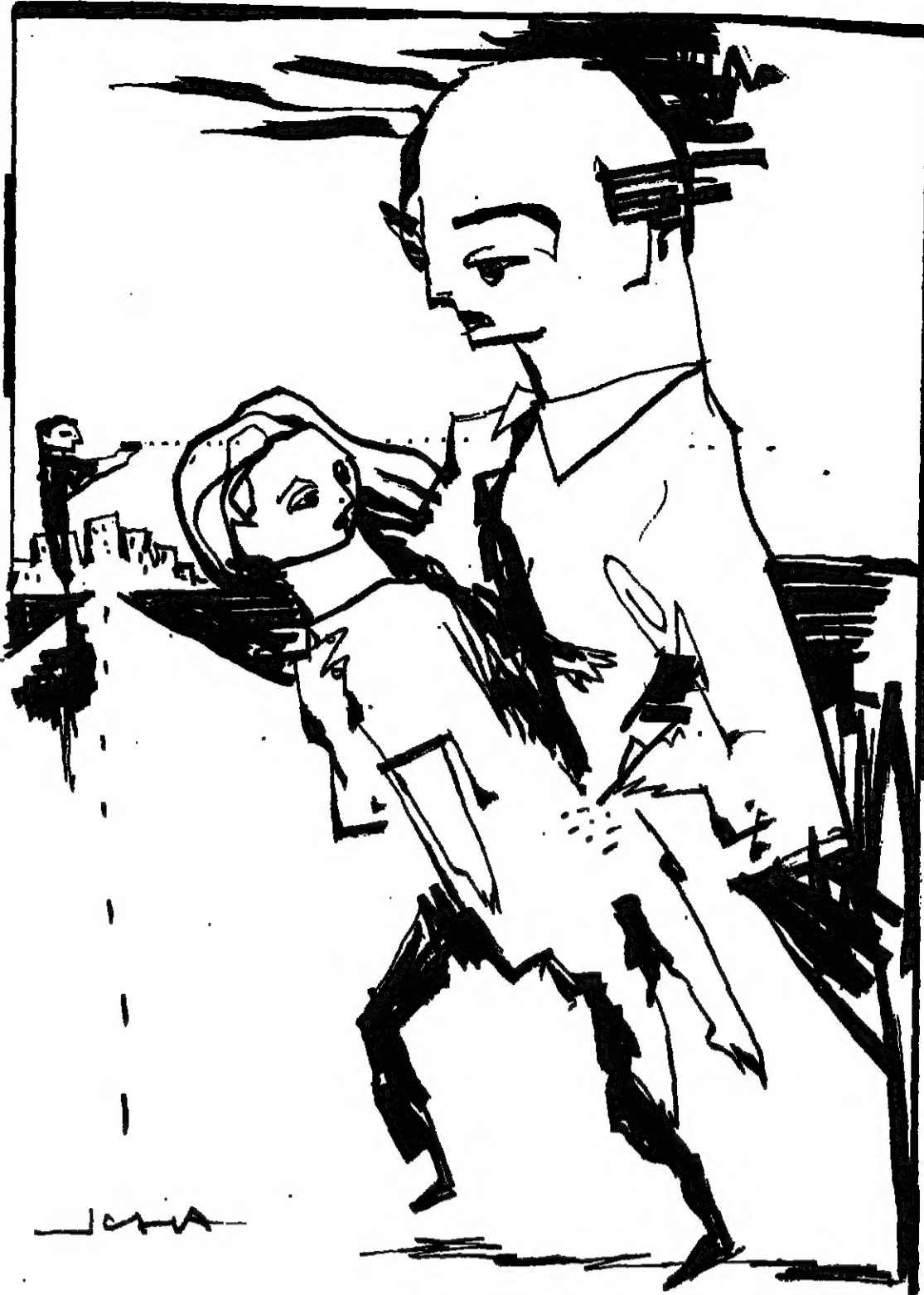
Interstate is composed of eight distinct narratives about reactions to a senseless shooting on a highway in which a child is killed. The narratives examine the tragedy from various angles, from the frantic search for a hospital to a scene before the shooting in which the father of the murdered child lectures her on safety in the modern urban jungle. Each narrative picks up on an idea touched on somewhere in another and expands on it.

An "interstate," my Oxford American Dictionary says, is something "existing or carried on between states" and "a road on the highway system that links states of the U.S."

Dixon's Interstate is about emotions carried on among different states of mind and the strands of unconscious dread that link those states.

In an amazing first chapter, Dixon explores the consequences of the father's inability to move beyond his daughter's death. He becomes a kind of suburban Mad Max, roaming the interstates in a frenzied search for the man who fired the fatal shot. His job, his marriage, even his relationship with his remaining daughter, are jettisoned in his pursuit of revenge. But when it comes, it proves not to be an end but the beginning of a descent into limbo.

The art of Dixon's technique is in the way he compels careful rereading. The further along you get into Interstate, the more you realize you're not simply looking at the story from different per-



spectives, you're looking at slightly different stories. (Dixon will send you scrambling back to an earlier chapter to check cer-

tain vivid details against your memory.)

THERE IS the intriguing possi-

bility that the narrator, in recounting the story, can't recall all the details himself and keeps changing its landscape slightly.

There is also the even more intriguing possibility that each narrative is simply a blueprint of the father's subconscious fears for his children and his inability to protect them in the outside world.

In one scene, the daughter doesn't die on the interstate but in a hospital where her last thought is, "If Daddy doesn't believe I'm living, I'm dead." Read another way, the line could mean that the father's innermost terror is that a simple lapse, an unguarded moment, will invite disaster.

The final segment even suggests that the entire novel may all be a fevered reaction triggered by a before-bedtime crooning of "My Darling Clementine." (The simple line "You are lost and gone forever" echoes throughout the book with an achingly beautiful resonance.)

In the hands of a lesser writer, the possibility that the girl's death was all along imagined would be a gimmick for letting the reader down gently, but for Dixon it offers a final, unique perspective from which to consider the possibilities of love and loss. The final chapter has the cathartic power of a release from hell.

Dixon's prose has a deliberately flat, hypnotic tone to it — "He's in the car with two kids, driving on an interstate, when a car pulls up ..." and "He gets a job and about three months later is on his way to work" — that is both soothingly dreamlike and hideously realistic.

The more the father generalizes on his collected fears for his children, the more sharply they come into focus. The psychotic shooter of the opening scene later appears to be the living embodiment of his fears about modern society — the killer (he tells police) is "White, black, a mix maybe, but definitely not an Oriental, but I shouldn't be sure of that ... but druggies I'm almost always sure of."

In the end, every parent will understand the truth of the line "If Daddy doesn't believe I'm living, I'm dead," although we don't necessarily know whether it's the dying girl's thought or one projected onto her by a distraught father. It's also a perfect metaphor for the artist and his creation. (Los Angeles Times)

Why get up? Let the timer heat your bathwater while you sleep

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

ALIYA was hard for lots of reasons, like losing the fun of spontaneous showers with hot water from the tap any time of day or night.

True, solar boilers are great ... when the sun shines. But what about when it doesn't, or if you have an electric boiler?

Planning a shower a good two hours in advance — the average time it takes for the boiler to heat the water — is something one can learn to live with.

But when a nice hot shower before facing the day is called for, getting up at 4 a.m. to turn on the boiler kind of puts a damper on the hydrotherapy.

Replacing your boiler switch with a timer solves this problem. Under Israeli law, only licensed electricians may install or repair electrical devices.

The following is a description of how a licensed electrician would go about the job, specifically if the existing boiler switch is 14x8 centimeters, with an on-off switch button and indicator light.

Other types require more specialized knowledge.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

A timer (sha on l'ad) costing NIS 90 to NIS 120, depending on quality, at hardware or electrical



Only the two pairs of leads that emerge from the holes in the "box" and attach to terminal screws at the back of the switch (left) must be disconnected and reconnected to the timer.

supply stores; current tester (tester); small screwdrivers (mavregim); wire cutter (kahter) when necessary; wire stripper (megaleh hutim) when necessary.

DIRECTIONS

Shut off power to the boiler by flipping down the circuit-breaker switch. If unsure about which cir-

cuit breaker is the right one, turn on the boiler and depress levers in the fuse box until the boiler light goes off.

Remove the outer plastic plate of the switch by removing its two screws. Underneath is a metal face plate. Remove the screw at each corner. Carefully pull it toward you, out of the wall.

When it is removed from the wall, the whole unit will remain suspended in midair by virtue of the wires attaching it to the wall. Sunken in the wall is a plastic "box" with two holes (usually one at the top and one at the bottom, but always opposite each

other) from which wires emerge. The yellow-and-green-insulated wire is the grounded lead. Leave it alone throughout the process. Also leave alone the two black leads connecting the indicator light to the on-off switch button.

The only wires requiring disconnection from the switch and reconnection to the timer are the two pairs of leads which emerge from the holes in the "box" and attach to terminal screws at the back of the switch. Each pair consists of a black lead and a colored — either red, brown or blue — lead. But don't disconnect them yet.

First, you have to find out which pair of wires are "entry" leads (from the fuse box to the switch unit) and which are "exit" leads (going from the switch to the boiler).

To figure this out, put the boiler switch in the "off" position. Restore power to the circuit for a moment.

Holding your index finger on the metal back or pocket-clip of the tester, place its screwdriver-like tip on each of the two terminal screws in the switch unit from which red, brown or blue leads emerge.

The one which causes the tester to light up is the "entry" lead, together with its black partner. Take note of which pair is for later use. Shut off the boiler's

circuit breaker again. With a screwdriver, loosen each terminal screw of the switch unit.

Disconnect each of the four leads with a tug. The whole switch unit will slip off.

The timer unit will either have four terminal screws like those on the switch unit, or a black lead and a red, brown or blue lead already attached to it, each with a flag-like sucker indicating "entry" (kniza), and a terminal screw box at its unattached end.

If it is the type similar to the switch unit, simply attach the leads you've just disconnected to the terminal screws of the timer unit in the same way (so the black lead is opposite the black lead, and the colored lead is opposite the colored lead in vertical position).

If the timer is of the latter type, attach the "entry" leads from the wall to the terminal screw boxes at the ends of the two "entry" leads of the timer, such that black attaches to black, and color attaches to color. The colored lead of the timer may be a different color from that in the wall, but that is all right.

Then attach the "exit" (remaining two) leads from the wall to the available terminal screws of the timer, such that the black exit lead is opposite the black entry lead, and the colored exit lead is opposite the colored entry

lead. After insertion of wires, tighten all terminal screws tightly.

Since the timer unit is "fatter" than the switch unit, there will be less room in the box in the wall for the leads.

You may need to shorten them a bit. If so, do this with a wire cutter, making sure to leave 10 cm. of wire. Strip each about 1 cm. with a wire stripper. Then attach as above.

Gently bend the leads to fit inside the "box" while pushing the timer unit into place, so that it ends up being flush with the wall. Insert and drive in the timer plate screws.

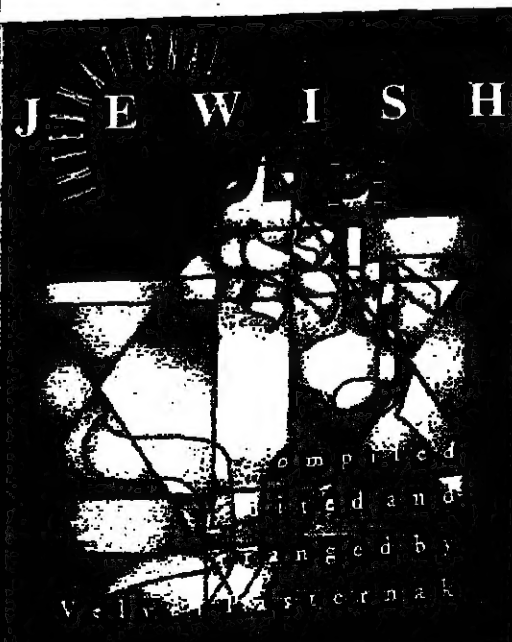
If your timer also has a plastic outer-face plate, attach and insert its screws.

Restore power to the boiler by flipping the circuit-breaker switch up.

Follow manual instructions for setting the timer.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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Abeles will reimpose price controls on two fees if banks don't cancel them

EVELYN GORDON

PRICE controls will be reimposed on two bank fees if the banks do not cancel them, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Abeles said that in general, free competition has been working well to keep bank fees down.

The proof of this, he said, is that the index of bank fees dropped 0.5 percent in 1993 and remained stable in 1994, though only 12 of the almost 140 different fees are under supervision.

However, he said, two fees which were released from supervision at the beginning of this year have shot up unacceptably — and if the situation is not corrected, controls on these fees will be reinstated.

One of these is the account management fee, which used to be strictly a function of the number of transactions per account. Recently, the banks added a flat fee, and the central bank sees no reason for this, Abeles said.

The other is the fee for obtaining information from automatic teller machines (ATMs).

Abeles said the Bank of Israel believes there should not be any fee for obtaining basic information, since customers need proper information to operate effectively.

"But it must be remembered that services cost money," he stressed. "And [the banks provide] high-level services by any international standard."

To promote consumer awareness, Abeles said the central bank is working on a comparative table of bank fees, which will then be distributed to the public.

Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) also asked him to see if the number of fees could be reduced, since it is hard for a customer to make intelligent decisions when there are so many.

Regarding the ability to switch banks, Abeles said six major problems — such as enabling customers to transfer loans and collateral — had been solved.

However, he said, one key problem remained — savings plans still cannot be transferred from bank to bank without a fine, at the Treasury's insistence.

Freddy Vider, director-general of the Association of Banks in Israel, said this was a serious problem, because savings plans are one of the average customer's most important assets.

Despite this, he said, customers can now usually switch banks within a maximum of two weeks.

Abeles also said bank margins have declined in the past few years, from an average of 2.5% in 1992 to 1.9% last year.

The most dramatic change has been in margins on unlinked shekels, which fell from 35% in 1984 to 4.5% last year. Margins on linked shekels were 1.4% last year, while



Abeles: There should not be any fee for customers obtaining basic information. (Tav Or)

foreign currency margins were 0.9%, he said.

Dr. Tikva Lecker of the Consumer Protection Authority sharply disputed Abeles' claim that competition was working to keep bank fees under control, and demanded that all fees be returned to supervision.

"The authority has had the feeling for a long time that the supervisor of banks protects the banks, and not the customers," she said.

The major problem, Lecker said,

Some bank commission fees up 100% since April '94

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK commission fees have increased up to 100 percent since April 1994, according to an Israel Consumer Council survey of 20 commissions charged on everyday banking activities.

Commission charges have increased 100% at Union Bank and 33% at First International Bank during the April 1994-to-April 1995 period.

The council said General Bank now charges the lowest commissions, closely followed by First International.

Bank Leumi is the most expensive, followed by Bank Hapoalim and Union Bank.

In reaction, Bank Leumi said it is the cheapest among all the banks adding, that the rise in fees during the reported period was equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

"An examination of the 14 commissions used in the council's survey shows that Bank Leumi charges the highest fees on four commissions, the same on three and is the cheapest on seven."

According to the survey the smaller banks do not charge commission fees on more activities than the larger banks.

The council has appealed to the Industry and Trade Ministry to prevent the banks from raising commissions and to increase the lists of commissions under supervision.

The ministry's price division is currently in charge of supervising 12 bank commissions.

is that fees are not publicized, and the public is often simply not aware of them.

"When I see pensioners getting a statement [from an ATM] every day, and they don't know that it costs them after a certain number, my heart aches," she said.

There are also fees that are completely useless, such as the fee for holding stocks, she said. This made

sense when the banks had to physically store the stocks, but now everything is on computer, she noted.

The MKs all agreed with Lecker that the situation is far from rosy.

There are too many fees; customers are not sufficiently informed about them and the banks collect the fees without the customer having any say or even being told in advance, they said.

Credit Lines, Elmalech alter JOEL deal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CREDIT Lines' agreement with Dr. Joel Elmalech regarding the company's purchase of 16.82 percent controlling interest in Jerusalem Oil Exploration (JOEL) was changed yesterday following a court order temporarily preventing Elmalech from realizing profits from the deal.

In an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday, Credit Lines said it plans to sign an agreement to purchase JOEL's 33.84% stake in Pass-Port.

The agreement, which remains subject to the approval of the monopolies supervisor, will cancel a previous agreement between Elmalech and Credit Lines.

The company's did not publish details of the terms of the agreement.

"Initially there was a private agreement between Elmalech and Credit Lines whereby Elmalech agreed to sell his private shares in the company," a JOEL spokesman said. "Now Elmalech

is negotiating to sell Credit Lines his shares in Pass-Port, canceling the initial agreement."

The spokesman said Elmalech will continue to control JOEL and Isramco.

The agreement was altered in reaction to an injunction filed earlier this week by lawyer Ron Berkman on behalf of JOEL's shareholders.

Berkman, who is handling a NIS 96 million suit against the principal shareholders in Isramco — JOEL and subsidiary Pass-Port — filed the injunction following Elmalech's initial plans to sell 16.8% of JOEL to credit lines for \$17.5m.

Berkman's suit, filed over one year ago by options investor Haim Hazan, maintained that Isramco principal shareholders misled the public in a systematic fashion and made use of insider information for their own personal gain, neglecting the interests of the public shareholders.

George Soros deposited as highest earner on Wall St.

LONDON (Reuters) — Hungarian-born financier George Soros was topped as the highest earner on Wall Street last year for the first time in four years, according to a survey conducted by *Financial World* magazine.

Soros earned \$70 million in 1994, a massive fall from the \$1.1 billion he took home in 1993, said the fortnightly magazine in an article published ahead of its July 4 edition.

The new king on Wall Street last year was Tom Lee, the Boston based LBO (leveraged buy-out) king — the only person who earned at least nine figures — who made most of his \$170m. when he sold Snapple Beverage to Quaker Oats.

In 1993, \$170m. would have

ranked him sixth, said the magazine. The median earner in the magazine's annual survey of the top 100 on Wall Street earned \$10m. in 1994, half the 1993 average.

In 1993, \$10m. was the minimum needed just to qualify for the top 100. This year commanders had to have made only \$5m. to make the list.

Sixty who made the list in 1993 failed to make the list for 1994. The worst collapse was posted among the hedge fund and commodity fund players, said the magazine.

They took 46 of the top 100 spots in 1993, but only 11 made the list in 1994. The New York-based magazine says it has a circulation of more than 500,000.

Court appears certain to reject petition on linkage to judges' wages

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice seems certain to reject a petition by MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz) on linkage to judges' salaries, though the justices did not give a final verdict at yesterday's hearing.

The petition asks that a more than 50 percent wage increase recently approved for judges by the Knesset Finance Committee not be given to about 100 other government employees whose wages are linked to those of the judges, either by collective agreements or by personal contracts.

The committee had explicitly said three components of the increase should go only to sitting judges, and Poraz said the government was obligated to obey the committee's instructions.

The linkage, he argued, should therefore be to those judges who are not practicing.

However, Justices Theodor Orr, Eliahu Mazza and Zvi Tal appeared unconvinced by this argument.

Interpreting work agreements, Orr said, is not the Finance Committee's job — and in this case, there is not even a dispute, since the workers and the government agree on the interpretation.

Furthermore, he said, Poraz's interpretation is illogical, since there are at most two or three judges who are not practicing — and not a single district court

judge, which is the level to which most salaries are linked.

Why, he asked, would any contract establish linkage to the exceptional case rather than to the norm?

"Be serious!" he said to Poraz's lawyer, Dafna Holtz, in exasperation at one point.

Mazza added that Poraz was essentially asking Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to disobey Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, who had ruled against Poraz's interpretation.

This, he said, was contrary to all norms of proper public behavior.

Furthermore, Mazza said, once the Knesset passes a law or makes a decision, interpretation of that law or decision is out of its hands.

"It violates the accepted public order for the legislator to come to the court and say, 'I meant such-and-such... so order people to do that,'" he said.

If the government wants to renegotiate its work agreements, Orr concluded, it has every right to do so.

"But now there are [valid] agreements, and they must be honored," he said.

Though they made their opinions clear, however, the justices said they would give their verdict at a later date, since they had to get to other hearings.

Health funds not allowed to sell supplementary policies

JOSE ROSENFELD

HEALTH funds are no longer allowed to sell supplementary health insurance policies under new regulations published yesterday by the Treasury and the Health Ministry.

Only insurance firms are now able to sell the policies.

The regulations are intended to separate the funding of supplementary health insurance from the national health insurance program.

The separation aims to prevent supplementary health insurance money from funding the operation of national health insurance

activities.

The National Health Insurance Law allows the health funds to provide additional health services that are not included in the basket of services covered by the law.

The new regulations only require that the insurance be bought from a separate insurance firm.

The regulations also require the funds to get authorization from the health minister for their supplementary health programs.

Following the ministry's approval, the funds must publicize both the rights and the obligations the program imposes on its members.

The funds are forbidden to discriminate among the insured, except on the basis of age and health condition.

The funds must guarantee the continuity of the rights of demobilized soldiers as long as they were insured prior to being drafted.

In addition, they cannot condition membership on signing up for supplementary insurance.

WORLD BRIEFS

Boeing to go ahead with stretched 777: Boeing announced yesterday it will go ahead with a "stretched" version of its newest twin-engine 777 plane after receiving \$3.1 billion in orders from Asian airlines. The US manufacturer told a news conference at the Paris air show it had 31 orders for the plane. Boeing said the orders had been placed by All Nippon Airways, Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways and Korean Air Lines.

The four Asian airlines were already among the customers for the Boeing 777, the world's largest twin-jet plane which this month went into service with United Airlines. The new plane is code-named the Boeing 777-300X. It will be 73.8 meters long, 10 meters longer than the 777-200, and carry 368 passengers in three classes or 451 in a two-class configuration.

The number of seats is on average 20 percent higher than the Boeing 777-200. The new plane will be able to fly nonstop distances around 10,500 kilometers, which will allow it to ply routes like San Francisco to Tokyo.

Reuters

Japan, US to hold car talks, but outlook uncertain: Japan and the US, in an effort to keep their bitter car trade row from marring the Group of Seven rich nations' summit, agreed yesterday to hold fresh talks on the dispute next week. There was no guarantee, however, that the latest effort to find a solution to dispute would help to avert threatened US trade sanctions, poised to become final in two weeks.

Japanese Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told a hastily called news conference that US Ambassador Walter Mondale had agreed to Japan's proposal to hold two parallel sets of talks on the dispute in June 22 and 23.

Reuters

Bundesbank holds rates steady: The Bundesbank held its trend-setting leading interest rates steady yesterday, as expected by financial markets. But many economists expect key German lending rates to be cut by the central bank's summer break, which starts next month. The Bundesbank's policy-making council left unchanged its four percent discount rate and its 6% emergency Lombard rate.

Reuters

British jobless total falls slightly: Britain's jobless total fell slightly in May but at a slower rate than in recent months, while earnings data suggested that inflation pressures remain muted, official figures showed yesterday. Unemployment fell by 10,000 in the month, taking the total number of jobless down to 2.32 million, the Department of Employment (DOE) said. It was the 21st consecutive monthly fall and left the jobless rate unchanged at 8.3 percent.

Employment Secretary Michael Portillo welcomed the figures, while analysts said they confirmed the view that the pace of economic growth in Britain was slowing and removed the chance of a near-term interest rate rise.

Reuters

US gives Laser Ind. okay to market new system

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

LASER Industries, the manufacturer of medical laser systems and accessories, has received marketing clearance from the US Food

and Drug Administration for its Sharplan u Sight TM system.

The system is an intraoperative laparoscopic ultrasound designed to assist surgeons and gynecologists in detecting various pathologies during laparoscopic surgery.

The company said the FDA clearance completes the implementation of one phase of its strategy to develop several non-laser products for the minimally invasive surgical (MIS) market.

According to Laser Industries chairman Benjamin Givli, the MIS market is a multibillion dollar market.

The systems will be marketed and sold through the company's worldwide distribution network.

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Tower Semiconductor to make US public offering

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TOWER Semiconductor, the independent manufacturer of semiconductor integrated circuits, hopes to raise between \$70 million and \$80m. through a public offering of shares in the US.

The company announced it has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the public offering of three million ordinary shares and another 450,000 shares that may be issued pursuant to a 30-day option given to underwriters to cover over-allotments.

The company's shares are currently traded at about \$26 a share.

According to the draft prospectus, the proceeds of the sale will be used mainly to expand the plant's manufacturing capacity.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (14.6.95)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	5.125	5.125	5.250	
French franc (FF100,000)	4.650	4.650	4.750	
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.000	3.000	3.250	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.000	2.125	2.500	
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—	

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (14.6.95)				
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	3.4402	3.4077	2.90	3.05
German mark	2.9998	3.0081	2.90	2.9770
French franc	2.0876	2.1316	2.08	2.177
Japanese yen (100)	4.7288	4.7885	4.64	4.727
Dutch guilder	0.9574	0.9071	0.95	0.92
Swiss franc	3.8714	3.8570	3.44	3.61
British pound	1.8751	1.8754	1.84	1.86
Spanish peseta	2.5418	2.5828	2.49	2.62
Scandinavian krona	0.4082	0.4148	0.40	0.43
Portuguese escudo	0.4722	0.4788	0.46	0.48
Italian lira	0.2988	0.2978	0.32	0.38
Canadian dollar	0.6859	0.6859	0.67	0.71
Australian dollar	2.1454	2.1801	2.10	2.22
S. African rand	2.1230	2.1673	2.08	2.20
Belgian franc (10)	0.8771	0.8822	0.86	0.92
Austrian schilling (10)	1.0216	1.0391	1.00	1.08
Italian lire (1000)	2.9940	3.0620	2.93	3.08
Jordanian dinar	1.7942	1.8252	1.78	1.85
Israeli pound	—	—	4.15	4.44
EGP (Egyptian pound)	3.8813	3.9440	0.84	0.92
Irish punt	4.8112	4.8889	4.72	4.98
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4240	2.4881	2.38	2.60

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

US dollar	NIS 2.5770	-0.20%
British pound	NIS 4.7625	-0.04%
Mark	NIS 2.1185	-0.73%

New York market indexes

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	4412.00	+0.57
DJ 30	3353.00	+0.12
NYSE Composite	4412.00	+0.57
NYSE Midcap	2530.00	+0.12
NYSE Smallcap	2530.00	+0.12
NYSE Microcap	2530.00	+0.12
NYSE Ultra Microcap	2530.00	+0.12
NYSE VIX	11.10	+0.05

Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2883.50	-8.2
Nikkei 225	14,660.00	-10.0
DAX	1,291.00	-0.5
Hang Seng	10,100.00	-0.5

Israeli stocks in NY

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

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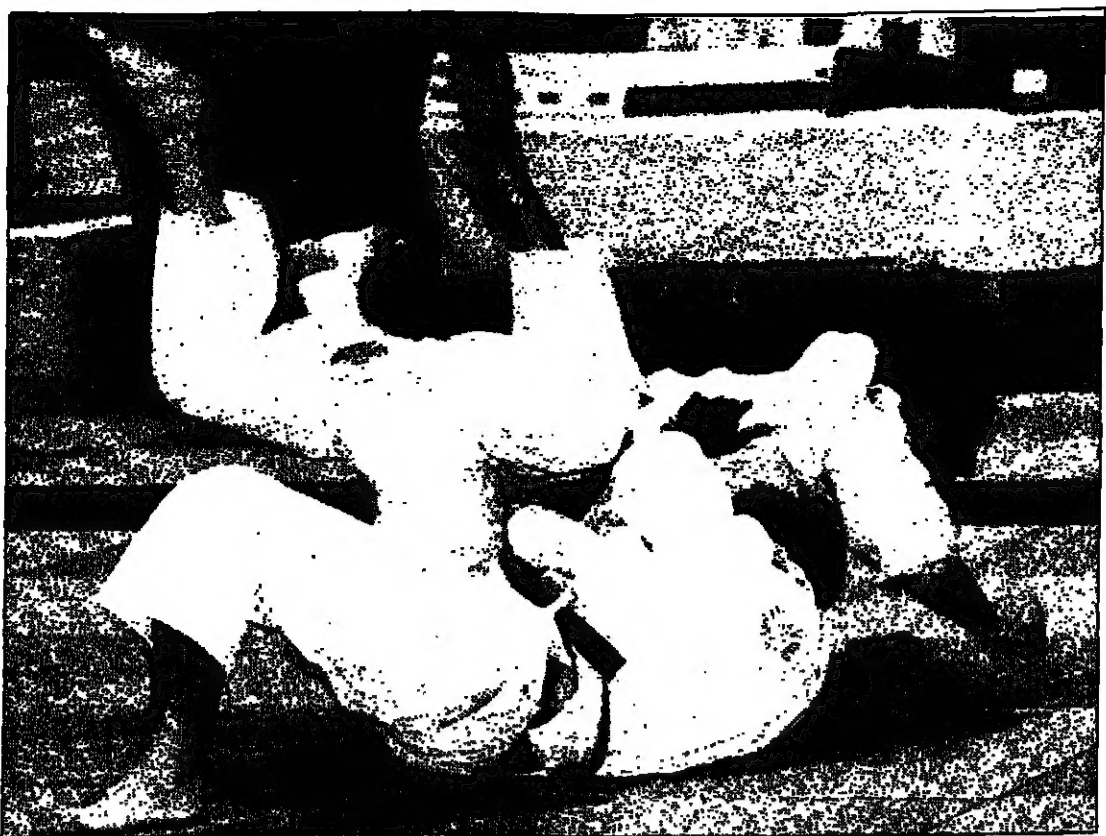
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CRASH LANDING - Conka Javier of Spain sends Ukraine's Igor Gorborev flying in their 95kg judo battle. (Brian Hendler)

Le Jingyi wins 100m butterfly, Smadja loses, Bubka up today

THERE was a titanic struggle between three of the world's fastest butterfly swimmers at the Tel Aviv University pool in the second day of the swimming championships at the 15th Hapoel Games.

In the 100m butterfly China's Le Jingyi (55.48 sec) set a games' record in her upset of world champion Poland's Rafal Szukala (55.76s) and France's Franck Esposito (55.88s) who is the world champion in the 220m butterfly.

An Israeli record was broken in the course of the men's 4x100m freestyle relay. Eitan Ohrbach, Oren Ezrach, Dimitri Rubinski and Yoav Bruck finished second behind Romania, but a set a national record of 3:27.19. The previous mark of 3:29.53 was set in 1990.

In the medals' tally in the pool, Romania won five, with one apiece to the Czech Republic, France, Slovakia and China.

In the judo events, Israel's Olympic bronze medalist Oren

JOEL GORDIN

Smadja was defeated in the finals of the 78kg division by Uzbekistan's Farkhod Turaev who floored him with an ippon after only 10 seconds.

In other contests, Russian judokas won three of the four medals: 95kg - Louri Stepling, 86kg - Alexei Knochkin and 71kg - Sergei Kolesnikov. Farkhod Turaev (Uzbekistan) won the 78kg title. Among the women, it was 61kg - Magalie Cazenove (France) and 66kg - Nicole Bruns (Germany).

Sergei Bubka, world record holder in the pole vault, will be the center of attention at the athletics events at Hadar Yosef Stadium today.

The pole vault finals will start at 7 pm and will be shown live on ITV. The controversial Ukrainian arrived Tuesday after his agent agreed to the terms of his contract, reportedly \$70,000.

Bubka was involved in an unpleasant incident at Ben Gurion Airport when the driver who

came to take him to the Hilton Hotel decreed that the 5-meter pole could not fit in the van. Bubka refused to leave the airport without it and lost his temper with the Hapoel officials.

Due to the personal intervention of Hapoel managing director Ya'acov Aviemore, the pole was taken to the hotel.

Bubka's main opponent tonight will be Frenchman Jean Galfon who finished third in last year's world championship. Israel's Danny Krasnov is suffering from an injury but is undergoing intense treatment to be in form for the match-up.

Another event which should attract attention is the triple jump, where the man to watch is Cuban Yoelvis Quesada, ranked second in the world with a best performance of 17.86m.

New Zealand windsurfing champions Aharon MacIntosh, Bruce Kendall and Barbara Kendall (gold medal at the 1992 Olympics) will take part in the mistral-class competition today.

Devils beat Flyers, earn first NHL Finals trip

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) - The New Jersey Devils blew a chance at going to the Stanley Cup Finals a year ago because they didn't take care of business at home.

They didn't make the same mistake this year against the Philadelphia Flyers, even though it took the Devils three tries to finally get it right.

The Devils posted the only home-ice win in this series and earned their first trip to the Stanley Cup Finals on Tuesday night by beating the Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 to capture the best-of-7 Eastern Conference final in six games.

The Devils, who will meet the Detroit Red Wings in the final starting Saturday, were within a game of going to the finals last year but lost Game 6 at home after opening a 2-0 lead. The series slipped away in Game 7 when Stephane Matteau scored in the second overtime to send the New York Rangers to their first Stanley Cup title in 54 years.

"We learned from last year," said Stephane Richer, who tied the game at 1-1 with a power-play goal. "We realized we made a mistake last year. It hurt to lose the series. Tonight before the game we were scared. We were so scared to lose because of what happened last year."

What really scared the Devils was tempting fate and returning to Philadelphia. No team in the playoff history, be it baseball, basketball or hockey, has won a



DEVILISH GLEE - New Jersey Devils Stephane Richer (c) is congratulated by Randy McKay (l) and Tommy Abelin after scoring the first goal against the Flyers. (Reuters)

series winning all four games on the road.

For the Devils, the win completed the turnaround of the franchise once compared by Wayne Gretzky to Mickey Mouse.

Three times previously, the Devils were a victory from a berth in the finals. The Devils lost

Game 7 of the 1988 Wales Conference final to Boston, and last year they led the New York Rangers 3-2 in games.

Whether New Jersey is home much longer to the Devils remains to be seen. The team is exploring a move to Nashville, Tennessee.

Thomas homer wins for Chisox in 10th

OAKLAND (AP) - Frank Thomas' homer in the 10th inning gave the Chicago White Sox a 7-6 win Tuesday over the Oakland Athletics, who had tied the game in the ninth on Ruben Sierra's two-run, two-out homer.

Thomas' 11th homer of the season came off Dave Leiper (1-1). It made a winner of Roberto Hernandez (2-3), who blew a save chance in the ninth.

Robin Ventura hit a pair of solo homers as the White Sox broke a four-game losing streak.

Dennis Martinez kept his record perfect, throwing his second shutout in three starts, and Jim Thome and Albert Belle homered as Cleveland won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Playing before 41,927 fans, the largest crowd ever at Jacobs Field, the Indians improved baseball's best record to 32-11. They are off to the best start in team history.

Martinez (6-0) gave up eight hits, walked one and struck out three for his 28th career shutout. He is pitching with torn cartilage in his left knee, injured while he was running in the outfield before a game in Toronto late last month.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	26	15	.633	0
Atlanta	23	18	.563	3
New York	23	20	.538	5
Florida	17	27	.389	11.5
	13	28	.310	14.5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	26	15	.633	0
Chicago	23	20	.538	5.5
Houston	20	22	.476	8
St. Louis	19	26	.422	10.5
Pittsburgh	16	28	.361	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	26	15	.633	0
San Francisco	24	21	.533	2
Los Angeles	21	23	.477	4.5
San Diego	20	23	.465	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	27	16	.625	0
Detroit	20	23	.464	6
Baltimore	19	24	.442	8
New York	17	26	.396	9.5
Toronto	17	26	.396	9.5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	22	17	.564	0
Kansas City	24	16	.571	7.5
Minnesota	18	24	.430	13
Chicago	16	26	.385	15
Minnesota	12	28	.286	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	27	16	.625	0
Texas	27	18	.600	0
Oakland	24	21	.533	3
Seattle	23	21	.523	3.5

Bid to avoid NBA lockout

NEW YORK (AP) - Trying to avoid a lockout that could start as early as today, NBA owners and players met again Tuesday.

The two sides had returned to the bargaining table Monday, the same day it was reported the league intended to lock out its players after the finals if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached by then.

Simon Gourdine, executive director of the players association, and union president Buck Williams of the Portland Trail Blazers, continued talks Tuesday with NBA commissioner David Stern and his deputy, Russ Granik. They met for eight hours Monday.

Stern was scheduled to hold a news conference last night in Houston before Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hakeem to pitch for Uncle Ben

Houston Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon has agreed to pitch Uncle Ben's rice under a promotional deal.

"This relationship marks a major milestone in my career, because having grown up eating Uncle Ben's rice in Nigeria, I now get the chance to work with this outstanding company," Olajuwon said.

Companies have in the past been criticized for their use of black people on product labels, which some civil rights advocates claim is disparaging. Uncle Ben's logo features a balding, white-haired black man wearing a bow tie.

The singer Gladys Knight was criticized last year for representing Aunt Jemima breakfast products.

Padres dole out free seats for kids

With hundreds of thousands of tickets piled up in the ticket office, the San Diego Padres decided to let youngsters under 14 in for free on Sundays for the rest of the season. The Padres have drawn an average of 12,455 fans through their first 27 games this season, down 28 percent from last year.

Tel Aviv wins in cricket

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Eli Cohen to coach Betar J'lem

ORI LEWIS

AFTER much deliberating and with little time to spare, Betar Jerusalem soccer club has named Eli Cohen as its new coach.

Betar had a disappointing last season, but nevertheless qualified for the Interoto Cup, the least important of the European competitions, after finishing sixth in the National League.

Cohen's selection came in the nick of time. There are only nine days before the first match.

Club chairman Moshe Dadesh said Cohen was chosen ahead of other candidates, including Moshe Sinai.

Cohen, who played with Hapoel Tel Aviv in the 1970s, coached Maccabi Herzliya and Ironi Rishon last season. He replaces Yossi Mizrahi, who coached Betar for part of last season.

Kent reaches B&H final

LONDON (Reuters) - Left-arm seamer Tim Wren thrust Kent into the Benson and Hedges Cup final with three telling strikes against Somerset in its semifinal at Canterbury yesterday.

Wren dispatched three of Somerset's top four batsmen as Kent secured a 31-run victory and now face Lancashire in the final of the 55 overs competition at Lord's on July 15.

Lancashire pulled off a two-wicket win over Worcestershire in its semifinal at Worcester on Tuesday, when a rain-delayed start forced the match at Canterbury into a second day.

Wren's example inspired Kent and effective Kent out-cricked that shackled Somerset for key phases of their innings as they pursued the home team's 250 for nine.

Kent is seeking its first trophy since 1978 when Alan Ball had led the county to the Benson and Hedges Cup and the county championship in the same season.

Ball's son Mark took the man-of-the-match award against Somerset, striking 52 to off-balance on Tuesday and then taking one for 33 in his 11 medium-paced overs.

Yet Wren's three for 34 in his 11 overs was an equally key element in Kent's success.

He plucked out Marcus Trescothick's off stump with his third ball of the day, as well as claiming the other opener, Mark Lathwell, for 38 and Richard Harden first ball.

Wren seems to enjoy playing Somerset. His best championship figures (six for 48) and top Benson and Hedges performance (six for 41) have both been achieved against them.

Somerset captain Andy Hirst went down fighting, making an unbeaten 69 off 71 balls.

LEGAL

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF KINGS

NP FUNDING II L.P., Plaintiff

- against -

ELANA BERKOWITZ and ELLY BERKOWITZ,

If living or dead, any spouse, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under by or through said defendants by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint, and the respective spouse(s), widow or widower(s) of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to the plaintiff and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to the plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint.

Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: New York, New York

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To the above named Defendants:

ELLY BERKOWITZ and ELANA BERKOWITZ
The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. William J. Garry, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated March 10, 1995, and subsequently amended by order of the court dated May 25, 1995, and filed with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings.

Goldman refuses to retract insult to Agency leader Mendel Kaplan

DEPUTY Education Minister Micha Goldman last night refused to retract accusations against Mendel Kaplan, head of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, saying that "the time has come for world Jewry to realize that Israel is a sovereign state."

"I am happy for every cent that the Jews send to Israel but they must realize that they cannot dictate to us. Who do they think they are? Lords of the manor who can look down on us? They must realize that this is a sovereign country and not a protectorate," Goldman said.

Goldman added that he would write "a letter of explanation" to Kaplan today "because if I called him 'a South African liar' [at a Tuesday press conference], I

should not have used such harsh words. But the facts remain facts and I'm glad that I've brought them to public attention: the Jewish Agency cuts its budgets to the government every year and this is causing us harm."

He said that Kaplan had pledged to fund the participation of 5,000 children in the Na'ale-16 program for youths from the CIS. "Only 2,000 children came and he has had the audacity to ask the government to pay towards their activities," Goldman said.

Goldman's reactions came in the wake of a stormy meeting earlier in the day with Jewish Agency Acting Chairman Avraham Burg. The two had been scheduled to meet for a regular

BATSHEVA TSUR

working session in Burg's office yesterday morning.

But when Goldman arrived, Burg was fuming over remarks made the previous day at the Tel Aviv press conference by Goldman.

"I refused to hold the working meeting with him and sent a letter of protest to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin," Burg said later.

However, Goldman said they "had a good conversation which ended with a handshake. We will have the working meeting at a later date."

In his letter to Rabin, Burg—who said he was aghast that such remarks could be made against a Diaspora leader who had devoted so many years of voluntary work

for Israel—demanded that Goldman be reprimanded.

"I hide my head in shame and disgrace to think that a deputy minister who is supposed to be in charge of our children's education, can hold views like these which can be interpreted as being those of the government," Burg said in his letter.

"How can we attempt to build bridges with world Jewry in such a way?" he asked.

He said that he had informed Goldman they could no longer cooperate until a full apology was tendered to Kaplan.

"This kind of behavior is not only an insult to Kaplan but to the Israeli government and people... I request that he be reprimanded," Burg said in the letter to Rabin.



Reuma and Ezer Weizman make a toast yesterday in honor of the president's 71st birthday, celebrated at Beit Hanassi with singing by Yehoram Gaon. (Photo: Noy)

Harish: Foreign Ministry meddling harms trade

EVELYN GORDON

THE Foreign Ministry is causing grave damage to trade relations by meddling in matters it does not understand, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish charged yesterday.

Harish, addressing the Knesset State Control Committee, cited the new free trade agreement with the European Community as a case where Israel could have achieved better terms had the Foreign Ministry not interfered.

By intervening in matters "outside its field of professional ex-

pertise," the ministry causes damage that is often "hard to correct," he said. Harish stressed that the Foreign Ministry plays an invaluable role in "opening doors" overseas. However, he said, once the doors have been opened, the ministry should "clear the field for economic professionals."

Dan Tichon (Likud) charged that flaws in the new agreement with the EC are also Harish's

fault, because he did not put up enough of a fight against the Foreign Ministry's "harmful interference." Harish said he had done all he could by voting against the agreement in the cabinet.

Harish's tirade was delivered during a discussion on economic attaches overseas. State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat had found that since the Foreign, Industry and Trade, and Finance ministries each appoint their own

attaches, not only is most work duplicated, but the attaches often work at cross-purposes.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) said this plethora of attaches indicates that appointments are made not to advance the country's economic interests, but to satisfy the ministers' need to give perks to employees. He said he will summon Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and demand a reform of the system.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Anti-Reform ultimatum

Tel Aviv's rabbis have warned that if Reform and Conservative representatives are allowed on the local religious council, they will boycott it. Yesterday they issued a leaflet stating they would not allow "the entry into the religious council of members whose sole intent is to uproot the religion of Israel and the rejection of Torah from Sinai."

Honor for weatherman

Zvi Alferson, head of the Meteorological Service, was yesterday elected a board member of the International Meteorological Society.

Zandberg disputes Liba's role

Justice Minister David Liba has no right to be acting as interior minister, because his appointment has not yet been approved by the Knesset, Ezer Zandberg (Tsomet) charged yesterday. However, Liba's spokeswoman said the law permits the government to appoint temporary substitutes if an incumbent minister cannot fill his post.

Evelyn Gordon

Winning cards

In yesterday's Chance draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, ace of hearts, queen of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

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YOUR WEEK JUST GOT EVEN BRIGHTER THE JERUSALEM POST

Rabbi's aide indicted in LA for sexual abuse of girl on plane

TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES

A FEDERAL grand jury on Tuesday returned a one count indictment of sexual abuse of a minor against Yehudah Friedlander, an assistant to Rabbi Israel Grunwald, who leads a small faction of Pupa Hassidim in Brooklyn.

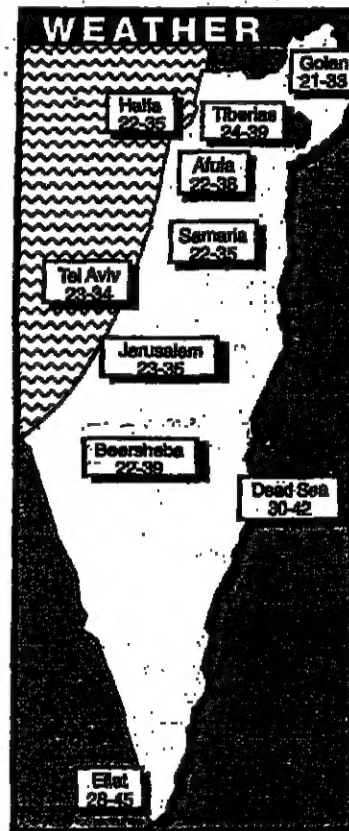
Friedlander and Grunwald were arrested together, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Yang said it has not been determined whether an indictment will be sought against the rabbi.

Friedlander is currently free on \$200,000 bail and has been ordered to appear in court here on June 19.

At that time, he will hear the formal charges and enter a plea, which will be "not guilty," according to his attorney, Michael Abzug. If convicted, Friedlander could face a sentence of up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The charges against the two men allege that during a plane ride from Australia to Los Angeles, Grunwald and Friedlander fondled and groped a 15-year old American girl, sitting one seat away.

Grunwald, who would face the less serious charge of sexually touching a minor, was released on \$10,000 bail and returned to New York.



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Los Angeles	17	23	10	calm
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New York	12	18	10	calm
Paris	12	18	10	calm
Rome	12	18	10	calm
Stockholm	12	18	10	calm
Sydney	12	18	10	calm
Tel Aviv	22	28	10	calm
Toronto	12	18	10	calm
Vancouver	12	18	10	calm

Dinitz's former secretary testifies at trial

FORMER Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz's secretary, Judy Shaviv, was flown in specially from Canada and testified in Dinitz's trial yesterday in Jerusalem District Court.

Shaviv described the work in Dinitz's office and the tremendous pressure he was under, but added that she did not handle his American Express receipts, and did not know what to do with them when she was asked to do so. She added that she arranged his trips abroad, and when he

returned, he would give her his American Express receipts for purchases made, along with details about the trips.

Dinitz's defense has claimed he was sure Jewish Agency officials would ask him to straighten them out, which is why he never appointed anyone in his office to handle the receipts. Shaviv also testified that she had helped straighten out problems with the accounts for Dinitz's business trip expenses. She is to continue testifying today. (Itm)

Bnei Brak accepts recovery plan

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itm

BNEI Brak Mayor Moshe Ironstein and Labor Council chairman David Zohar, along with workers' representatives, yesterday signed a document signifying their agreement to accept the recovery plan demanded by the Interior Ministry as a condition for transferring additional funds.

The workers said they would go back to work the minute they received their unpaid salaries.

Acting Interior Minister David Liba'i expressed satisfaction. He

said the ministry had no intention of harming the workers, and expressed regret at the delay in their receiving their salaries. But, he added, the ministry simply wasn't prepared to continue funneling money to a city government that refused to pay within its authorized budget.

The plan includes the dismissal of 80 workers, among them Ironstein's son-in-law. It was also agreed that workers earning upward of NIS 3,500 a month would accept salary cuts of 3 percent to 18%.

There was no change in the number of women job-seekers, or those under 25.